

Rugby World Cup 2019 – History of Rugby

Introduction

Japan 2019 will be the first Rugby World Cup to be hosted in Asia and represents an opportunity to introduce the development and profile of rugby across the world's most populous and youthful continent. The 2019 World Cup Rugby tournament kicks off with Japan vs Russia on September 20.

Setting the Scene

Introduce photos of previous and current All Black captains. What do all of these people have in common? Write down everything students offer. Watch an old clip of All Blacks during an international game of rugby (such as <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIEVcC5TdXQ> Rugby All Blacks-New Zealand legendary moments)

What feelings do you get when you see these old clips?

What is the purpose of creating a video of these legendary moments in rugby?

How is rugby perceived in New Zealand?

You will of course have a range of nationalities in your classroom and some new arrivals to NZ, so you may need to give a bit more background information about sport/rugby and the All Blacks.

Activities

Big question: Is sport and in particular, rugby a necessary pathway to create a sense of culture and heritage for a country? Is this true in NZ and in particular with the All Blacks?

Inform students that they will be doing a historical research report on how rugby has contributed to a sense of belonging and culture in New Zealand. Ask students what questions they need to answer to gain an understanding of the historical significance of rugby in New Zealand. They also may want to lead in to answering questions about the future of rugby for NZ and internationally. Read pages 8&9 of Extra! To gather historical information about rugby. Take the online rugby quiz at www.extraeducation.co.nz

Questions to help:

- Why take part in events like Rugby World Cup 2019?
- What is NZ's history of rugby?
- Where did rugby start?
- Who are some of our great All Black players and captains?
- Create a timeline of NZ rugby or world cup rugby event
- What is the future of rugby? What does it look like? Sound like?

These will help get students thinking about the purpose of rugby, its historical roots and how far we have come.

They may present their findings in any way they like. Short video, painting, report, slideshow, prezi, poster, diorama, skit, poem, anything at all.

Achievement Objectives

Level Four

- Understand how people pass on and sustain culture and heritage for different reasons and that this has consequences for people

Learning Intentions

Students will:

- Understand that National and international relationships are established and fostered through participation in sporting events
- Understand the history of the tournaments and its importance to New Zealand's culture

Success Criteria

Students can:

- create a list of participating countries in the Rugby World Cup 2019
- talk about different cultures
- explain the importance of participating in sporting events like Rugby World Cup 2019 for nations
- present research on a country different to their own in a relatable and interesting way

Resources

- www.odt.co.nz
- www.extraeducation.co.nz
- www.tki.org.nz
- www.rugbyworldcup.com