

Rugby World Cup 2019 – Culture and Sport

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

Rugby World Cup 2019 will bring up the chance to talk about different cultures and how we interact with people. It is a time to embrace new ideas, cultures and understanding. Learning about another country helps us understand others and ourselves too. Finding out new information is always a bonus too.

Show various clips of rugby teams involved in the Rugby World Cup 2019 (youtube will have some great clips) Talk about the Rugby World Cup event and what students expect to see during the event. Do they know how many teams are playing in the event? Do they have any favourite teams? Players? Captains? Who do they predict will win the world cup and why? You can do this informally or keep a list of the student answers to refer to when the event ends, to compare what was predicted and what occurred.

Pose these questions:

- Why take part in events like Rugby World Cup 2019?
- What is the significance of hosting the rugby world cup event in Japan have? For the game? For Asia?
- Should there be a future for events such as Rugby World Cup? Why? Why not?

These will help get students thinking about the purpose of sport and culture and tolerance. How do they relate and does participation in such events lead to more tolerant societies?

Activities

Can the class list all of the twenty countries taking part in the Rugby World Cup 2019? Were there countries they expected and not expected? Why?

Tell the class that they will be researching a country involved in the Rugby World Cup 2019 event. Write on paper or card the twenty countries taking part in the rugby world cup. Place these in a bowl or bag so the students cannot see the names of the country. Get students to choose a piece of paper randomly. They may present their research on a country and team involved in the rugby world cup in any form they like, prezi, powerpoint, essay, report, book form, short video, play, etc. They may like to work in pairs or independently. I have provided a form I created for the Commonwealth Games that may be a good starting point for researchers. Present their findings to the class or small groups.

N.B: If you have less students in your class there will be some left over and you could use these countries as extension or follow up activities. If you have more students in your class you may want to pair some students up or double up the countries, so you can do a compare and contrast with those students who have the same country.

Achievement Objectives

All Levels

- Understand how cultural practices reflect and express people's customs, traditions, and values

Learning Intentions

Students will:

- gain understanding of the cultural significance of countries participating in Rugby World Cup 2019 event
- Understand that National and international relationships are established and fostered through participation in sporting events

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