

Bring on the World

Day 1 Afternoon session: World maps

Activity 2: Country research (part 1)

Time required: 45 min

You will need

- Globes and atlases
- Reference books about the 16 countries being researched
- Internet access
- Plain A4 paper
- A2 or A3 paper and felt-tipped pens

Aims

- To develop good teamwork skills in working together as a group.
- To develop research skills (information-gathering).
- To foster respect for diversity.
- To begin to think of a clear way to convey information to others.

What to do

Explain that this afternoon pupils will be working in their groups, or small teams. (See Country research (introduction) for details.) Ask pupils to brainstorm what they think makes a good team. Display responses on the board. Next ask the class why it can be important to participate as a member of a team and not as an individual.

Working in their groups (or 'teams'), pupils find out more about countries playing in the World Cup finals this year. Each team should agree on who does which pieces of research. They should spend some time planning posters/displays to present to the rest of the class on day 3 (or day 5).

NB. There will be another country research session for one hour (Day 2, afternoon) before the final presentation session. Those classes not doing the five-a-side competition can spend a further two hours on country research (Day 3, afternoon and Day 5, afternoon).