

LESSON PLAN 71: RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011

Objective: Six ways to get your class involved

Age range: 7-17



As you'll be well aware, Rugby World Cup 2011 – or RWC 11, for short – is being held in New Zealand from 11 September to 22 October. This is the 7th time the tournament has been held since the inaugural event in 1987. Twenty teams from around the world are taking part, split into four pools of five. The top two in each go through to the knockout stages. Around 95,000 visitors from overseas are expected to travel here for the games.

YOU WILL NEED

Computer and internet access.

DEVELOPING SKILLS

Sport, literacy, design, geography, presentation, computer skills.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

1. Write an email to your favourite team

Students can show their support for a team by sending an email message to the national union. Get them to plan what to say, locate the team's website and find a suitable email, write the email, and send.

BackingBlack is the official fan club of the All Blacks and has the latest news, information, events, and more on the men in black. backingblack.co.nz

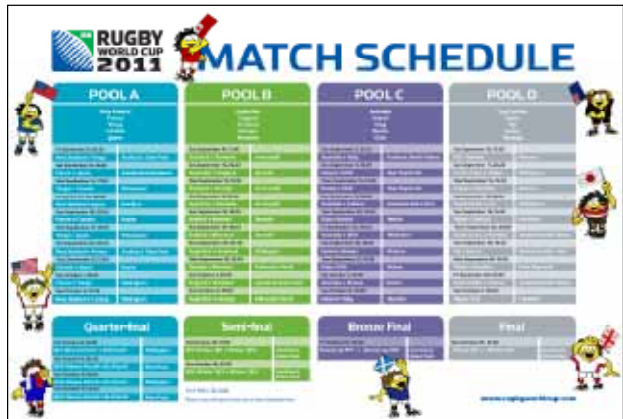
2. Create a digital resource on the tournament

There are a number of online tools your class can use to create a digital resource. You will need to select a theme – the tournament, where games are played, favourite players or team, rugby in general ... or whatever you want – choose how to present the info, find suitable resources to use (text, images, video, etc.), and then create and publish. Some apps you could consider are:

- **Glogster** (glogster.com) – multimedia poster
- **Animoto** (animoto.com) – short videos
- **VoiceThread** (voicethread.com) – multimedia presentation
- **Podomatic** (podomatic.com) – podcast
- **Prezi** (prezi.com) – multimedia presentation
- **SlideShare** (slideshare.net) – slideshow

3. Locate the match venues on Google Maps

Create your own geographical map of the venues with Google Maps (maps.google.co.nz) and follow the tournament around the country. You can mark where games are being played, where teams are staying and training, and record the results.

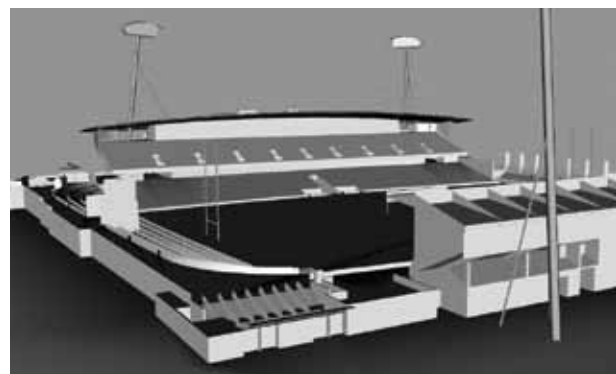


4. Print out and fill in a match schedule

There's a match schedule that can be downloaded from KidZone on the official RWC 11 website (rugbyworldcup.com/kidzone) – there might be others as well. Whatever one you choose, get your students to download and print, and then fill in the results as the tournament progresses.

5. Set up a news feed

Make sure your class receives the latest news on the event with a news feed. You could try sites like Google News (news.google.com) and Yahoo News (news.yahoo.com), which will send you the latest headlines. Or sign up to RSS or Twitter feeds from sites providing views and information on RWC 11.



6. Check out the stadiums in SketchUp

Go to fizurl.com/rwcsketchup and you'll find 3D drawings of the stadiums being used in the tournament, all created in Google SketchUp. There are some great images and 3D views – like Waikato Stadium above. Download and explore. You may even want to create your own designs in SketchUp (sketchup.google.com)!

MORE ON RWC 11
For a selection of online resources on Rugby World Cup 2011 see '10 for Teachers' on pages 44-45.