

Warm-Up Activity:

Football: The World's Sport



Fans fill the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, during the 1994 FIFA World Cup Final between Brazil and Italy. *Mike Powell/Allsport*

Predicting

1. Look at the title, image and caption. What details suggest this reading will focus on football's importance beyond the game itself?
2. What role do you think football plays in bringing people together from different countries and cultures?

Exploring the Theme

1. What events, activities or traditions bring large groups of people together in your community? Why do they matter?
2. Why do you think people from different backgrounds enjoy gathering around the same sport, music or cultural event?

Confirming Your Prediction

3. If time allows, read over the first paragraph of the article. How does it confirm or challenge your earlier prediction?