This is a preview of a collection of Guided Reading resources on the World Cup, which are available for around £0.80. These include answers to all of the activities. If you enjoy using this, then please follow the link for more... <u>http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Guided-Reading-The-Football-World-Cup-2014-Three-activities-1269168</u>

Brazil 2014

On 12th June 2014, the 20th FIFA World Cup



football tournament will begin in Brazil. It will be the second time that Brazil has hosted the competition, the previous being in 1950. A total of 31 nations have qualified for the World Cup. Brazil did not need to qualify, as they are hosts so qualified

automatically.

In total, 64 games will be played. The final, which takes place on 13th July 2014, will be held in the capital city of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro.

Who will make it to the final? We'll find out soon!

A nation of football lovers

If you could sum up the nation of Brazil in one word, it might be football. Brazilians adore the game. Side streets and parks are packed with children and teenagers playing the game they love; one day hoping that they may be the next to pull on the yellow jersey of the Brazilian national team.

It's no surprise, then, that Brazil is the most successful team in world football! In total, they have won the World Cup a record five times, and are the only team to have qualified for the tournament each year that it has taken place. Many commentators believe that the greatest football side of all time was the Brazilian team in the 1970 World Cup. Can they win it for a sixth time on home soil?





Pele – The greatest footballer of all time?



Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as Pele, is arguably the greatest footballer of all time. Born in 1940, he made his football club debut for Santos as a 16-year old. A year later, he made his international debut for Brazil. In 1958, he won the first of three World Cup medals with Brazil, the others being in 1962 and 1970. He played his final game for Brazil in 1971. Pele will always be remembered as a great goal scorer – he scored 77 goals for his country. He hung up his boots for the final time twenty-one years after making his debut.

Questions – Brazil 2014

1) When did Brazil previously host the World Cup? (1)

2) How many teams will be playing in the 2014 World Cup? (1)

3) How long does the World Cup last for? (1)

4) How many Brazilian cities will be hosting matches in the World Cup? (1)

5) Why is it no surprise that Brazil are the most successful team in world football? (1)

6) What two World Cup achievements are unique to the Brazilians? (2)

7) What is Pele's full name? (1)

8) Do we know as a fact that Pele was the greatest footballer of all time? (2)

9) Link the year with the fact about Pele. One has been done for you. (5)1940Football club debut for Santos1971Hangs up his boots for the final time1970Wins his third World Cup with Brazil1956Plays his last game for Brazil1957Pele is born