

Fútbol en Argentina

Purpose:

To demonstrate to first year Spanish students that in most of Latin America soccer is the national sport (in this case we will look at soccer in Argentina as an example of Latin America).

Teaching Objective:

The students should appreciate soccer a little more and also understand the culture surrounding soccer.

Evaluation:

The students could possibly just take a little quiz about what we cover in the lesson, but I plan on setting up a goal that they will be able to take a shot at if they can answer a question correctly.

Basic Information:

History: Forms of soccer were played in ancient Egypt, China, Alaska, and ancient America. In England the game was rather brutal in its infancy. “By the 12th century, the game had become a violent mob sport with no rules and any sort of behavior condoned, which later earned a succession of royal bans. Regardless of the bans, the sport grew in popularity. Formal rules of today's game were adopted in England in 1863.”¹

Argentina: There are two favorite teams in Argentina: Boca Juniors and River Plate. Games are so intense that during important games much of the town shuts down so that they can watch the game. Like the Olympics, soccer has a world tournament, the “World Cup” every four years. When the Argentine Selection (the best players in the nation all on one team) wins, celebrations last throughout the night. (www.argentinesoccer.com, http://www.soccerhall.org/history/world_soccer_origins.htm, www.footymundo.com)

Classroom Presentation:

Method and Activities:

Take them to a couple of the sites on the Internet that show us about argentine soccer and explain to them the cultural atmosphere that it creates. Have them shoot some goals if they get the answers to my questions right.

Vocabulary:

fútbol does not equal football, cancha, equipos, clubes, pelota

Materials:

The Internet, photos, soccer ball (a foam one would be good), goal

¹ http://www.soccerhall.org/history/world_soccer_origins.htm