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Diversity

The Bledisloe Cup

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What is the Bledisloe Cup?

Watch the “History of the Bledisloe Cup” video.

Why is the Bledisloe Cup so important to Australian and New Zealand Rugby players and fans?

Are there any other legendary sports encounters between Australia and New Zealand?



Source: YouTube (5:01)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5FEBmn1Licl>

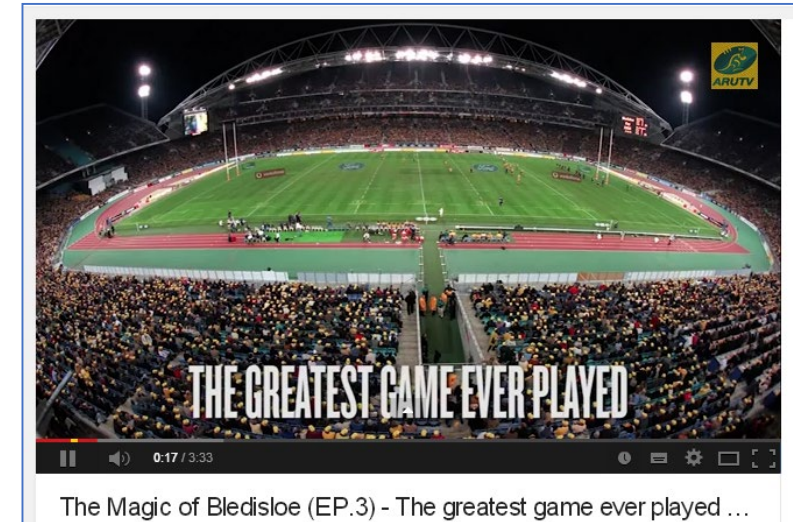
The Magic of Bledisloe – Respect and rivalry



The Magic of Bledisloe (EP 1) – A famous victory at the SCG in 1979 (1979) Source: News article with YouTube clip (3:14)
<http://www.rugby.com.au/News/NewsArticle/tabid/1699/ArticleID/9860/The-Magic-of-Bledisloe-%E2%80%93-1979-The-Cup-is-Ours.aspx>



The Magic of Bledisloe (EP 2) – Gregan's miracle tackle (1994)
Source: News article with YouTube clip (2:48)
<http://www.rugby.com.au/News/NewsArticle/tabid/1699/ArticleID/9909/The-Magic-of-Bledisloe-%E2%80%93-1994-%E2%80%93-That-tackle%E2%80%9D.aspx>



The Magic of Bledisloe (EP 3) – The greatest game ever played (2000)
Source: YouTube video (3:33)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1AmXeIkH4WE>

What is respect and rivalry?



In what ways did the Wallabies show respect for the All Blacks in the Bledisloe Cup videos?

What was meant by “rich” and “ultimate” rivalry between the Wallabies and All Blacks?

Think about your own sporting experiences

Which players/teams do you compete against who you respect? Why?

Which players/teams are your biggest rivals? Why?

Are you able to have a friendly rivalry with most people you compete against? Is that a good thing?

Do you handle winning and losing well? Why?





Similarities and differences - Wallabies and All Blacks



Respecting the Haka

The haka is a type of ancient Māori war dance traditionally used on the battlefield, as well as when groups came together in peace.

Haka are a fierce display of a tribe's pride, strength and unity.

Actions include violent foot-stamping, tongue protrusions and rhythmic body slapping to accompany a loud chant.

The words of a haka often poetically describe ancestors and events in the tribe's history.



[Maori culture and haka](#) – YouTube (1:03)



Respecting our shared history



The **Anzac spirit** or **Anzac legend** is a concept which suggests that [Australian](#) and [New Zealand](#) soldiers possess shared characteristics, specifically the qualities those soldiers are believed to have shown on the battlefield in [World War I](#).

These qualities cluster around several ideas, including endurance, courage, ingenuity, good humour, [larrikinism](#), and [mateship](#).

According to this concept, the soldiers are perceived to have been innocent and fit, stoical and laconic, irreverent in the face of authority, naturally egalitarian and disdainful of British [class](#) differences.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anzac_spirit

A Australian
&
N New
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A Army
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Anzac Day YouTube video (2:19)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxUclQTVUpc>

Geography, history and culture

Similarities and differences between Australia and New Zealand

Research “[If it were my home](https://www.ifitweremyhome.com/)” website to learn about some interesting comparisons between Australia and New Zealand.



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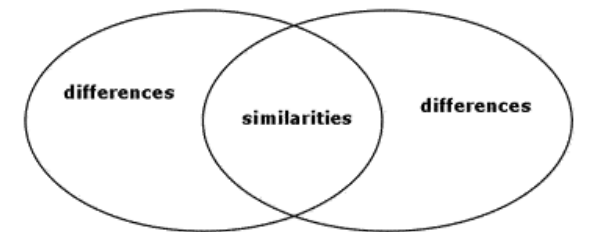
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Read interesting cultural and historical comparison between Australia and New Zealand [here](#).

Use an atlas or [online atlas](#) to include main geographical features on the **Australia** and **New Zealand** blank maps.

Read the **table of information** about Australia and New Zealand and identify which information applies to one or both countries



Worksheet fun

Aussies and Kiwis - National flags

Colour in the flags for Australia and New Zealand below. Follow the colouring-in instructions. Are the flags similar in any way? Or are they quite different? How are they used at the Bledisloe Cup Rugby matches?

AUSTRALIA flag



To color the flag of Australia color the shapes numbered 1 in red and the shapes numbered 2 in blue. Leave the rest white.

NEW ZEALAND flag & map



To color the flag of the New Zealand, use Crayola® Creams, Colored Pencils or Markers. Color areas numbered 1 red, 2 blue, and 3 white.

Source: <http://www.rugby.co.uk/the-sports-illustrated-illustrations>

Lower Primary

Australia and New Zealand


Search this puzzle below and circle the listed words

RUGBY DIVERSITY

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K	O	L	W	V	O	C	W	O	Y	E	W	H	I	N
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Word List

ADELAIDE	AUCKLAND	AUSTRALIA
BALLARAT	CHRISTCHURCH	DUNEDIN
HOBART	LAUNCESTON	MANUKAU
MELBOURNE	NELSON	NEW ZEALAND
NORTHLAND	OTAGO	PENRITH
PERTH	QUEENSTOWN	SOUTHLAND
SYDNEY	WAIKARE	WELLINGTON




Middle Primary


SUPER RUGBY

SUPER RUGBY GEOGRAPHY QUIZ TRUE OR FALSE

1. All of the Super 15 teams are located in the Southern Hemisphere. T/F
2. Australia is approximately 2000km wide from west to east coast. T/F
3. The Force team is closer in distance to the Sharks than the Reds. T/F
4. The majority of New Zealand teams come from the South Island. T/F
5. The Indian Ocean separates Australia and South Africa. T/F
6. Australia is the biggest of the three Super Rugby countries. T/F
7. The longest plane ride for players is from South Africa to Australia. T/F
8. New Zealand is the only continent of the Super Rugby countries. T/F
9. South Africa has more 'inland' teams than 'coastal' teams. T/F
10. More teams are located near the Pacific Ocean than the Indian Ocean. T/F



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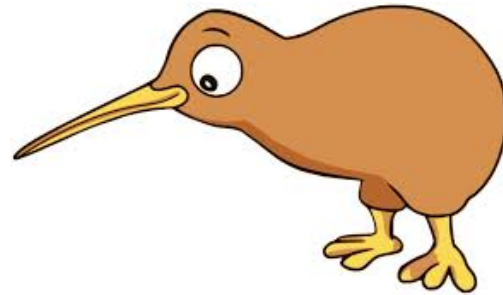
Adapted by the Australian Rugby Union's National Education Program for Schools, that aims to teach life values to young Australians through sport.

Upper Primary

Assessment ideas: Lower Primary

Give a talk about “Aussies and Kiwis” using any ideas explored in this learning experience.

You could try to include information about two similarities and two differences between Australia and New Zealand.



Assessment ideas: Middle Primary

Like the respect and rivalry between Aussies and Kiwis in the Bledisloe Cup, write a story about someone you play sport against who you have a lot of respect for and who is also a fierce rival.

Alternatively, think about two well known sports people or teams who also demonstrate respect and rivalry.



Assessment ideas: Upper Primary

Prepare a speech to last for one minute on the topic “The Bledisloe Cup is not just about Rugby”.

Use ideas from this learning experience.

Think about what makes a good short talk and how you will get your classmates’ attention and interest.

