



The true Australian game

Key Learning Area
Studies of Society and Environment
English

Year levels
Years 5–8

Activity overview

Students conduct research to make a data chart of information about the contributions of Indigenous players to Australian football. They select one aspect of the research to prepare a graphic presentation to a small group or to the class.

Time required

Discussion and orientation to using *Worksheet 1: Research data chart* – approximately 30 minutes

Completion of data chart – at least 60 minutes but this may be an ongoing research project

Preparation of presentation – at least 60 minutes but this may be an ongoing research project

Graphic presentations of research data – allow approximately 5 minutes per presentation

Materials

- *Worksheet 1: Research data chart*
- *Worksheet 2: Preparing your presentation*
- Access to websites listed on data chart
- Optional reference books
- Images in Resources on the AFL CD-ROM

Preparation

- Prepare copies of Worksheet 1 for individual students.
- Prepare copies of Worksheet 2 for pairs or groups of three.
- Provide computers with Internet access to research the URLs on the data chart.
- Provide access to computers with PowerPoint™ and/or data show.

Activity steps

1. Briefly explain the purpose and procedure for the activity. Conduct a class discussion about the students' existing knowledge of the role and contribution of Indigenous players to Australian Football.



2. Distribute copies of *Worksheet 1: Research data chart* to each student. Discuss the set of focus questions on the data chart, stressing the importance of brief notation in the appropriate cells. Provide students with one sample reference site or research resource and revise the procedures for skimming the materials with a focus on finding and recording answers to the set of questions on the data chart.
3. Provide support to students as they undertake the research process. Remind students about reading for locating information and jotting brief notes.
4. Conduct a class discussion in which students contribute an overview of their research outcomes, and organise the class into pairs or groups of three who wish to concentrate on one aspect of the research.
5. Distribute copies of *Worksheet 2: Preparing your presentation* to pairs or groups of three. Discuss the processes and requirements for developing their graphic presentation. The students may select the specific area of their research to present. They select the manner of presentation of their research, which may be, for example, a report poster, graphic timeline, overhead transparency or PowerPoint™ presentation.
6. Provide support to students as they prepare their research presentation. Assist them to plan and prepare presentation notes.
7. Provide an opportunity for each group to report to another group or to the class using their graphic presentation and accompanying commentary. Invite listeners to prepare questions to put to the presenters, or to provide an evaluative comment after the presentation.

Assessment ideas

- Evaluate the data charts for the quality and accuracy of information gathered.
- Provide students with an opportunity to prepare a portfolio that includes the best aspects of their research and notable information collected, accompanied by a personal evaluation of the project.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the presentation of research information.



Worksheet 1: Research data chart

Investigate the following references for information about the way that Aboriginal players have contributed to Australian football.

Fill in the cells of the data chart using brief notes.

Add other references to the data chart if you wish.

Reference site	Description	Why is Marngrook important in the development of Australian football?	Who was the first Aboriginal footballer in VFL teams?	Which awards have been won by players of Aboriginal descent?	How have Aboriginal players contributed to Australian football?	Choose one Aboriginal player and find out facts about him.
http://afl.com.au	AFL Official Website Search in archives					
www.aboriginalfootball.com.au/home.html	Site to explore, analyse and document the on-field feats of Aboriginal footballers in Australian football					



Reference site	www.eniar.org/news/footy.html	Description	Site containing various newspaper reports on Aboriginal players and history in the AFL	Why is Marngrook important in the development of Australian football?		Who was the first Aboriginal footballer in VFL teams?		Which awards have been won by players of Aboriginal descent?		How have Aboriginal players contributed to Australian football?		Choose one Aboriginal player and find out facts about him.	
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Add more rows for additional references if necessary.

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Worksheet 2: Preparing your presentation

Find a partner or small group with an interest in a similar research area.
 Work together to plan and prepare a PowerPoint™, graphic or poster presentation about the information.
 Make the presentation to a small group or your class and invite comments and feedback.

Title or main research question for the report		
Kind of presentation		
People in the group		
Main points to include	Text needed	Illustrations needed
Introduction		
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2	3	4	Conclusion

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