

An Unusual Sport

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Ever heard of handball, field hockey, or cricket? While these sports may be unknown to you, they are very popular to many people around the world! Students will research a sport they are not familiar with. This sport can range from handball, to toe-wrestling, to bossaball. The student will present the sport they researched and wrote about it using a presentation strategy called Gallery Walk.

Learning Objectives

Write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement.

Materials Needed

iPad or books on chosen sport

Paper and pencil

Procedure

Day 1

Show the students pictures of the following sports (or other popular world sports) using a Google image search: handball, field hockey, cricket, rugby, and curling. If wanting to get even more extreme, try searching toe-wrestling, korfbal, or sepak takraw. Tell students that these are all popular or unique sports around the world and they may have never even heard of them!

Have students take some time using their device or books to generate a list of unique sports. Have them narrow it down to the one they'd like to write about.

For their writing assignment (days 1 and 2), students should write 8-12 sentences describing the sport. The writing should include:

A strong introduction

Four or more facts about the sport

A conclusion

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