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BEFORE READING

1. Project the official video of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EXXe-G-_IxI [1:52]
2. Play the video twice; first without sound and second with sound.
3. During the first viewing, have students take dot jot notes of what they see related to soccer (e.g., words, stadiums, children/adults playing soccer, world flags, images of past soccer players, etc.). Share ideas as a class.
4. During the second viewing, add the sound. Have students notice the effect the sound has on the viewing experience (e.g., it adds interest, it makes the video more engaging, etc.).
5. Ask students to share how Qatar has incorporated its culture into the FIFA World Cup Video (e.g., the music is likely from that country's culture; there are citizens in traditional dress – a "thobe" is a long loose shirt worn over pants; the font in the event logo resembles Arabic; deserts; the floral design in the logo is likely culturally relevant; mosque; burgundy and white flag of Qatar are also the colours of the event logo; closing image of Doha, the capital of Qatar; etc.)
6. Finally, invite students to set a purpose for reading the article, referring to the resource page **Setting A Purpose Before Reading** as needed.

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It's the most popular sports event on Earth. Some five billion fans – over half the world's population – will watch it and cheer for their favourite team. This major athletic display takes place only once every four years. But it's not the Olympic Games. It's the FIFA World Cup.

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And the latest go-round is about to kick off. The 22nd FIFA World Cup tournament begins in the Middle East country of Qatar on November 20. Over four weeks, 32 men's national teams will compete in 64 matches. They will bring the world's best soccer to eight stadiums and to fans around the world.

Teams play for their nation and for a share of \$440 million (US) in prize money. That's the most

ever in the World Cup's 92-year history. The tournament ends on December 18. The champions will raise up the World Cup trophy and bag \$42 million (US).

As the host nation, Qatar is guaranteed a **berth** in the competition. The other 211 FIFA member countries competed against one another over the last three years. Winners clinched one of the 31 remaining spots.

FIFA divides the 32 qualifying teams into eight separate groups. Teams play one game against each of the three other members in their group. The top two teams from each group then move on to the playoff stage. At that point, the competition becomes do-or-die. Just the winning teams advance until two remain in the final.

Only eight nations have ever won the World Cup: Germany, Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Uruguay, France, England, and Italy. It's a tough contest. So even qualifying for the tournament is a badge of honour.

DID YOU KNOW...?

This is the first World Cup not held in May, June, or July. It is taking place in the autumn due to Qatar's intense summer heat.

CANADA GETS TO PLAY!

This time, we've earned that badge. After a long dry spell, Canada's team, nicknamed Les Rouges, made the cut. The players qualified after beating Jamaica 4-0 in March before 30,000 thrilled fans in Toronto. So for the first time in 36 years,

DEFINITIONS

BERTH: a spot or a place on a team or in a tournament

FIFA: Fédération Internationale de Football Association – the international governing body of soccer. (The game that Canadians call 'soccer' is known as 'football' outside North America.)



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we'll be playing with the best footballers on the planet.

"When I first took over I said, 'We're going to qualify for the World Cup. We've got to give this country something to believe in,'" head coach John Herdman beamed after the Toronto win.

IT'S AN UPHILL BATTLE...

What are Canada's chances of winning the trophy? It won't be easy. We face a tough first round.

FIFA determines the initial match-ups. We'll have to do well against Belgium, Croatia, and Morocco to advance to the second round. Belgium is ranked number two. Croatia was a 2018 runner-up for the Cup. It is ranked 16th. Morocco is ranked 24th. It was the only unbeaten country in African qualifying rounds. Canada is ranked 38th.

"We're the underdogs," defender and midfielder Alphonso Davies admitted. "It doesn't matter. We're there to compete – and we will."

...BUT THERE'S HOPE

Still, we have reasons to hope for a strong outcome. Canada has a great group of talented players. They could cause an upset.

Mr. Davies is one such star. He plays for a German team, and has picked up a number of trophies there. Another

standout, forward Jonathan David, has been a powerhouse goal scorer playing in Lille, France and Canada. For his part, forward Cyle Larin currently has 25 international goals to his credit. That makes him Canada's top world scorer. And team captain Atiba Hutchinson was once Player of the Year in Denmark.

"We've got a lot of confidence and we believe that we can do well," Mr. Hutchinson said.

QATAR GEARS UP

This is the first time the World Cup will be staged in the Middle East.

Qatar is tiny. At 11,610 square kilometres, it's about twice the size of Prince Edward Island. It has built stadiums, five-lane highways, and a new subway system for the occasion.

As a result, this will be the most expensive World Cup in history. It will cost an astonishing \$220 billion (US).

More than 1.3 million fans are expected to attend the tournament. That's almost half of Qatar's population of 2.9 million. Hosting so many visitors will be a struggle. Even renting a tent in a campsite could cost up to \$380 per night.

QATAR'S MIGRANT WORKER TRAGEDY

The human rights group Amnesty International says Qatar is hosting the World Cup at a terrible cost. According to one news report, since 2010 more than 6500 laborers from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have died helping to build the stadiums, hotels, and other structures for the event. Critics say the poorly-paid migrants were forced to work under dangerous conditions and in extreme heat. Many have been injured or died as a result.

The worldwide soccer players' union FIFPRO sent an open letter criticizing Qatar for its treatment of the migrants.

Amnesty International wants FIFA to set aside at least \$440 million to help the abused workers. That's the same sum as the World Cup cash prize.

THE AMERICAS IN 2026!

Next time, it will be our turn to welcome the world. Canada, the U.S., and Mexico won a bid to jointly host the 2026 World Cup! And with four more years of practice, there may be no stopping Les Rouges.

Meanwhile, let's cheer them on this year. ★



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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does **FIFA** stand for? How many countries belong to this organization?

2. Which soccer tournament will take place in Qatar from November 20 to December 18?

3. Why is the tournament being held at this time?

4. Describe the popularity of this international competition. Explain.

5. How many teams will compete?

6. Describe how the World Cup tournament works in the first round.

7. Describe how the World Cup tournament works in the second round.

8. List at least three important facts about the host country.

9. How much will it cost to host this tournament?

10. What concerns have some human rights groups expressed related to the 2022 World Cup?



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QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

1. The article quotes Canadian defender and midfielder Alphonso Davies who says, “*We’re the underdogs. At the end of the day, it doesn’t matter. We’re there to compete – and we will.*”

How might the fact that the Canadian team is ranked 38th in the world, and that it is going into this event as the underdog, affect the mindset of the team? Give reasons to support your ideas.

2. Often, professional athletes use their platform to support causes that they believe in. Several 2022 World Cup team captains have been campaigning to be able to wear rainbow armbands during the tournament to protest Qatar’s discrimination against the LGBTQ community:

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/soccer/world-cup-captains-rainbow-armbands-1.6590003>

As you see it, for what reasons should athletes competing for their country in international competitions express their support for causes that may be politically sensitive? For what reasons should they not? Support your thinking with examples.





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QUESTIONS FOR ONLINE EXPLORATION

Note: The links below are listed at www.lesplan.com/links for easy access.

1. Visit the official FIFA World Cup site:

<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplan/en/tournaments/mens/worldcup/qatar2022/countdown-to-qatar-2022>

What did you learn about Qatar 2022?

2. Meet Canada's Men's National Team who will play in the World Cup for the first time in 36 years:

<https://canadasoccer.com/national/camps/?teamId=2068>

https://canadasoccer.com/national/camps/?camp_id=1600

3. Who will Canada face in the first round and what are the team's chances of moving on to the next round? Find out from soccer analyst John Molinaro and Team Canada manager John Herdman:

<https://www.cbc.ca/sports/soccer/canada-world-cup-world-cup-draw-analysis-april-1-1.6405484>

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/2018926659843/> [2:47]

What predictions can you make about how Canada will fare in round one of the tournament?

4. Learn more about the country of Qatar and how it compares to Canada:

<https://www.infoplease.com/countries/qatar>

<https://www.worlddata.info/country-comparison.php?country1=CAN&country2=QAT>

List 2 similarities and 2 differences between the two countries:



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Kap, Spain

YOUR TASK:

Examine the editorial cartoon, then answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

1. What do you *already know* about 2022 FIFA World Cup?
2. Describe what you *see* and *read* in the cartoon.
3. As you see it, what might the cartoonist be saying about the 2022 FIFA World Cup? Explain.
4. For what reasons do you agree with the cartoonist? For what reasons do you disagree? Explain. ★

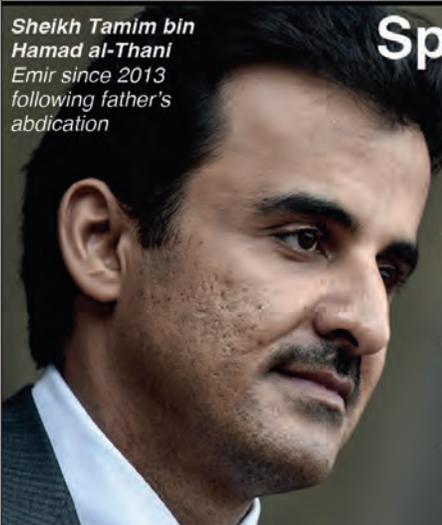


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INFOGRAPHIC

Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani
Emir since 2013 following father's abdication



Spotlight on Qatar





Area: 11,571 sq km	
Population: 2.93 million (2021)	
Ratio: Men 75%, Women 25%	
<i>Foreigners outnumber Qataris by 8-1</i>	
GDP: \$179.6 billion (2021)	
Per capita: \$61,276	<i>Global Average: \$12,259</i>
Natural gas reserves: 24.7 trillion cubic metres (2020) <i>Third-largest, after Russia and Iran</i>	

MILESTONES IN QATAR'S HISTORY

- **1825:** *Al-Thani* dynasty becomes prominent in Qatar and tries to gain independence from Bahrain
- **1871:** Al-Thanis submit to Ottoman rule
- **1916:** Qatar signs treaty with Britain, handing over control of foreign policy in return for protection
- **1939:** Oil discovered. Exploitation delayed by World War II but oil soon replaces pearl diving and fishing as main source of revenue
- **1950s:** Increasing oil revenues fund expansion and modernisation of infrastructure

- **1971:** Qatar achieves full independence from Britain
- **1996:** Satellite TV news network *Al Jazeera* launched as Qatar seeks to cultivate reputation for openness
- **2000s:** Rising demand for natural gas propels economy to new heights, projecting Qatar to greater prominence in Middle East
- **2003:** *Al-Udeid* air base serves as headquarters for U.S.-led military campaign in Iraq
- **2005:** First written constitution takes effect, providing for some democratic reforms

- **2011:** Qatar contributes to NATO-led mission in Libya and supports rebels opposing *Gaddafi* regime
- **2014:** Qatar and four other Arab states take part in U.S.-led air strikes on Islamic State militants in Syria
- **2017:** Saudi-led Arab coalition imposes economic blockade to pressurise Qatar to cut alleged support for radical and Islamist groups, and distance itself from Iran
- **2021:** Blockade lifted
- **Nov 2022:** Qatar becomes first Middle Eastern country to host FIFA World Cup

Qatar is mostly desert – 99% of population lives in capital, Doha



Sources: BBC, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Reuters, World Bank, World Population Review Pictures: Getty images © GRAPHIC NEWS

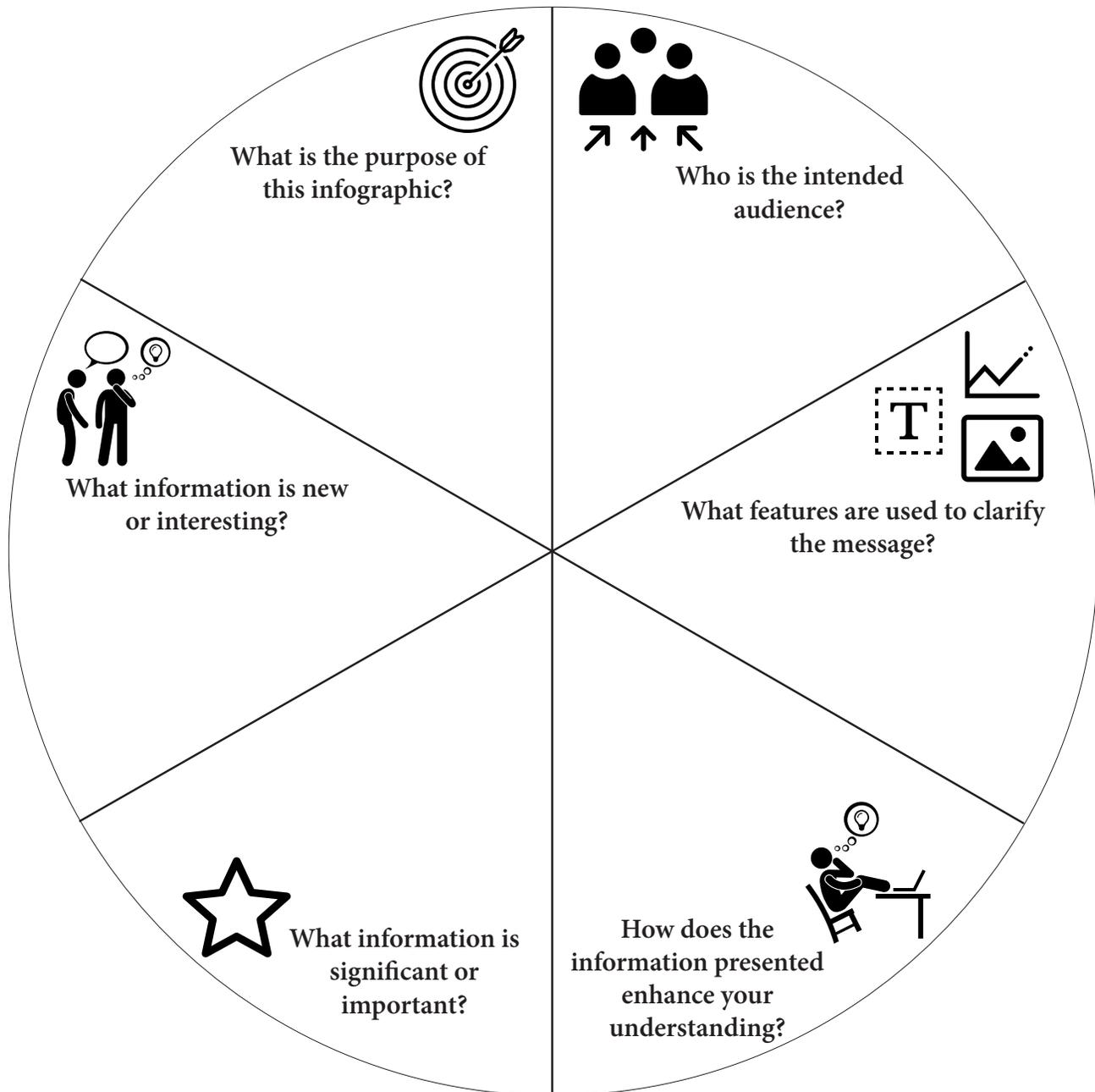




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ANALYZING AN INFOGRAPHIC



What questions do you still have about the topic presented?

MAP ASSIGNMENT PERSIAN GULF

Complete this map assignment to better understand the article *Qatar 2022*.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Obtain the required resources and read all the instructions before starting.
2. Colour your map **after** all labelling is completed.
3. Print in pencil only first, then go over the printing in black ink.
4. Work carefully and neatly.

Resources Required: pencil, black pen, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser and an atlas.

Part A Locate and label Iran in CAPITAL letters and shade this country green.

Part B Locate and label the capital of Iran and underline this city name.

Part C Locate and label the following cities in Iran:

Mashhad

Isfahan

Karaj

Part D Locate and label the following countries in CAPITAL letters and shade each as indicated:

Iraq (pink)

Saudi Arabia (yellow)

Kuwait (red)

United Arab Emirates (brown)

Oman (orange)

Turkmenistan (yellow)

Part E Locate and label the capital of each country and underline each city name.

Part F Locate and label the following countries in CAPITAL letters and shade each as indicated:

Syria (purple)

Turkey (orange)

Armenia (yellow)

Azerbaijan (red)

Uzbekistan (pink)

Afghanistan (brown)

Pakistan (purple)

Qatar (pink)

Bahrain (red)

Part G Locate and label the Caspian Sea and shade it light blue.

Part H Locate and label the following and shade all salt water dark blue:

Persian Gulf

Gulf of Oman

Arabian Sea

Part I Locate and label the following rivers and shade them light blue:

Karun River

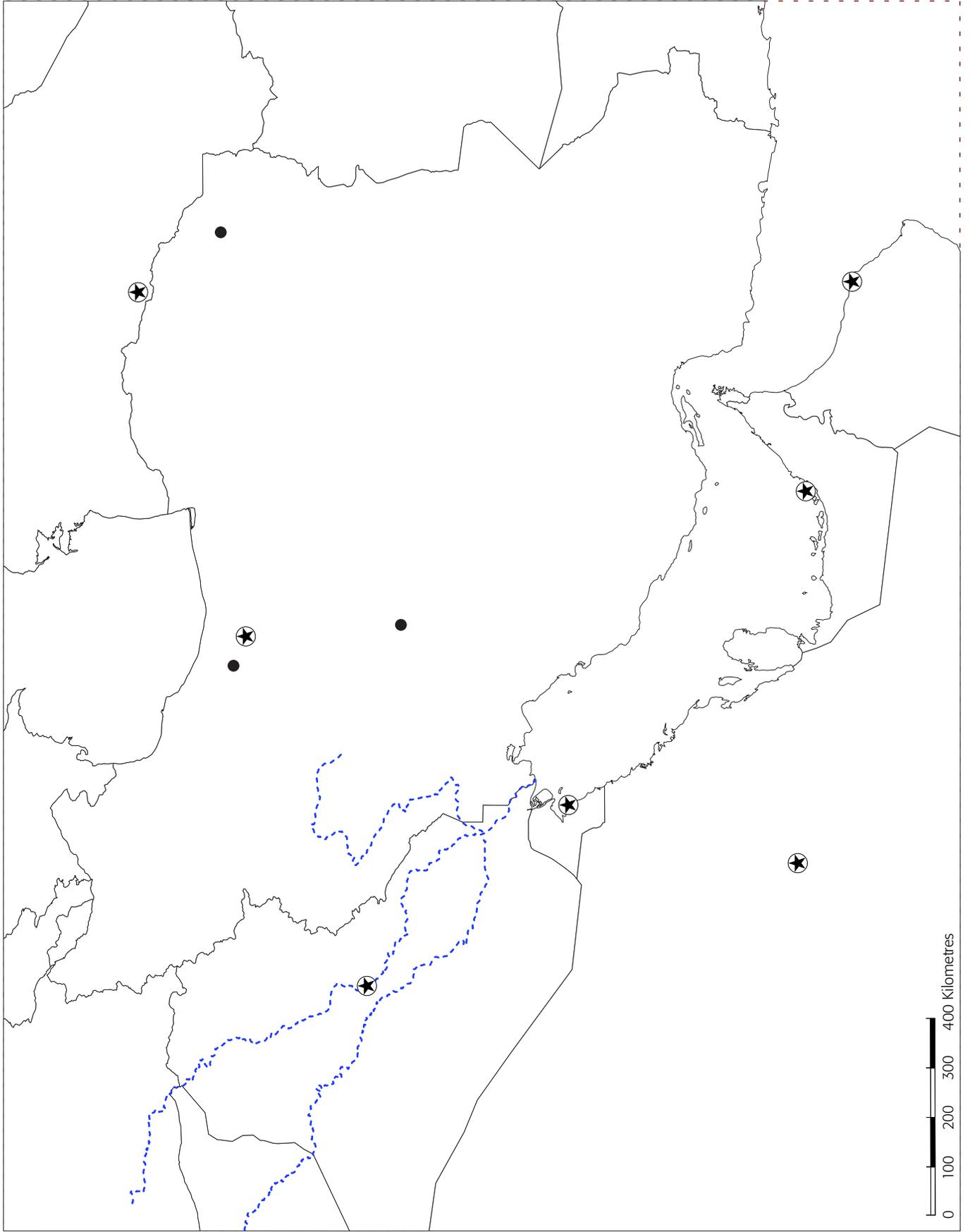
Euphrates River

Tigris River

Part J Complete your map with a frame, title, and compass. ★



Iran





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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

A. Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question:

_____ 1. How many countries have qualified for the World Cup?

a) 64

b) 32

c) 16

d) 8

_____ 2. How much did Qatar spend to host the World Cup?

a) \$220 billion

b) \$110 billion

c) \$55 billion

d) \$800 million

_____ 3. Canada's soccer team is known as:

a) Les Bleus

b) Les Trois Lions

c) Les Habitants

d) Les Rouges

B. Mark the statements T (True) or F (False). If a statement is True, write one important fact to support it on the line below. If a statement is False, write the words that make it true on the line below.

_____ 4. **True or False?** 212 nations are members of FIFA.

_____ 5. **True or False?** Canada did not qualify for the World Cup.

_____ 6. **True or False?** The World Cup is always held in November and December.

C. Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence.

7. FIFA = Fédération Internationale de _____ Association.

8. The country that hosts the World Cup is guaranteed a _____ in the tournament.

9. The human rights group _____ International has criticized Qatar's World Cup preparations.

D. Respond to the following question in paragraph form. (*Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*)

10. What reasons can you suggest to explain why the World Cup is so popular?



SETTING A PURPOSE BEFORE READING

There are a number of reasons we read, and setting a purpose for reading – knowing WHY we are reading – helps us to focus on important information and to better understand and remember what we read. It also helps us decide HOW we will read the text.

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This is a very different approach than the one we would use to read a book. When we read a book, we usually read cover-to-cover. We read carefully so we don't miss any details because we want to understand the whole story. Sometimes we make connections or create images in our minds as we read to help us better understand what we are reading. Depending on its length, we may put the book down before we finish reading it but we will start reading where we left off.

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Purpose for reading	What it looks like
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To learn more about themselves and others	Students reflect on what they've read and express opinions and perspectives. Students develop a sense of their personal values and make sense of the world around them.
To gain information	Students use the features of informational texts to gather, analyse and apply what they've learned.
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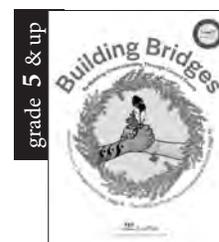
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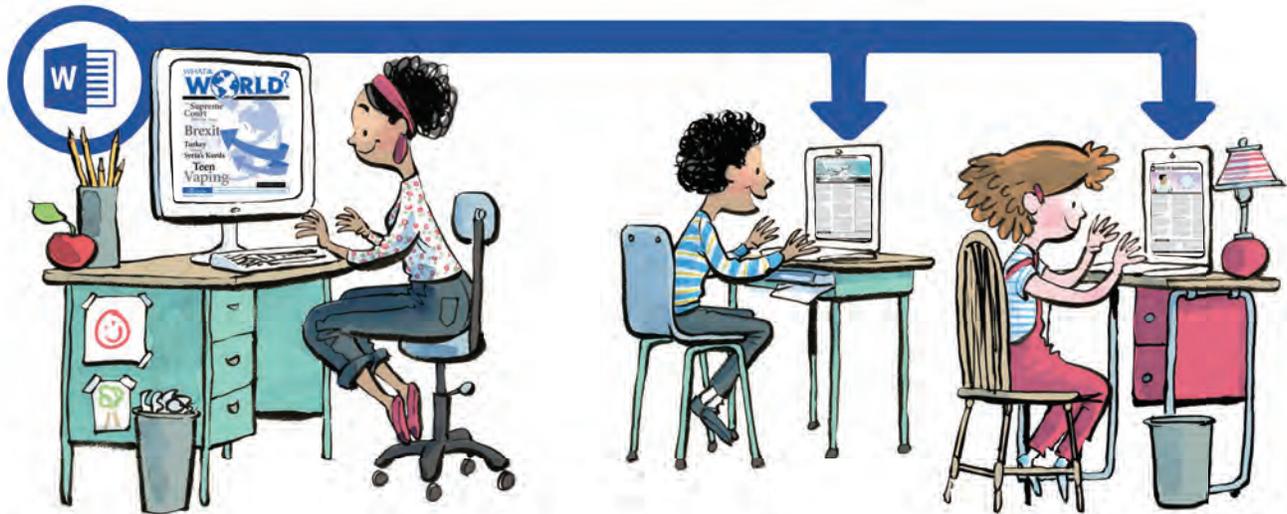
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