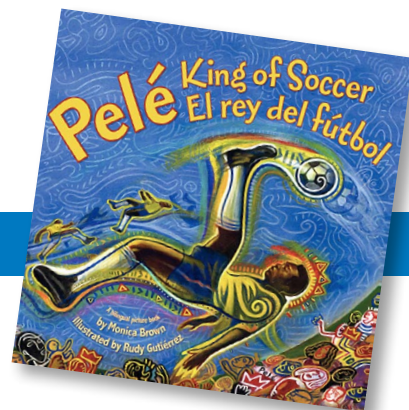


Pelé, King of Soccer

EL REY DEL FÚTBOL



A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Latin America, Sports, Biography, Dual Language

Book Brief: Pelé goes from playing soccer for fun with his father and friends to being the King of Soccer, bringing glory to his homeland, Brazil, by helping the national team win multiple World Cup titles.

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Content Connections: Social Studies, Science, Health

TIME TO READ!



BEFORE WE READ, LET'S LOOK AT...

The Cover: If you aren't familiar with Pelé, what can you tell about him from the cover?

The Pictures: Flip briefly through the pages. How would you describe the style of the illustrator? How does he combine real objects with symbols, patterns, and abstract elements?

Prior Knowledge: Discuss with students the popularity of soccer in other countries. What sport is the

most popular in the United States? Why? Sometimes Americans are confused by the name of the game. Discuss with the class why the sport is fútbol in Spanish and futebol Portuguese but soccer in English.

Vocabulary: World Cup, hat trick, homeland, Latin America

Purpose for Reading: As we read, think about what *inferences* you can make as to what motivated Pelé to be one of the best soccer players in history.

WHILE WE READ

MONITORING COMPREHENSION

- ◆ Why was Pelé's dad so upset?
- ◆ How were Pelé and his friends like scientists?
- ◆ What does it mean to be part of a team?

- ◆ Who provided Pelé with food?
- ◆ Why was Pelé's father listening on the radio?



LET'S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: What did you infer about Pelé's motivation to be such a good soccer player? What evidence from the text did you use?

Extending Our Thinking: With a partner, discuss why professional athletes are often looked up to by both children and adults. Are there other members of society who should get more attention? If so, who? How can a game give hope to a whole nation? Is a game really that important? Explain your answer.

NOTE TO EDUCATORS

- ◆ Extension Activities for Educators also available.
- ◆ Vocabulary Scaffolding Sheet also available.



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