

Analysis of 1912 & 2000 fixture lists

Activity title:	Analysis of 1912 & 2000 fixture lists
Curriculum area:	Geography
NC objectives:	1a, 1c, 1d, 1f, 2a, 2c, 2e, 3a, 3c, 6g, 6h & 7a
Main learning objective	Analysis of location of teams played in 1912 & 2009 seasons, also considering methods of transport and travel times

Timing	Lesson plan ideas, activities and resource sheets
INTRODUCTION	• Discussion of typical fixture list from today. To find this information, visit the Gloucester Rugby website and
15 minutes	look for the 1stXV Fixture list page. Who does Gloucester play against? Have any students been to away matches? What were their experiences of travelling to the matches?
	 How different might the fixtures have been in the early 1900s?

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MAIN ACTIVITY 35 minutes	•	Hand out fixture lists from 1912 (4.2a) & 2000 (4.2b) seasons. Discuss any points that arise from looking at the lists.
	•	Hand out A4 maps of British Isles (4.2c) and Europe (4.2d), and appropriate atlas. Students should use atlas to label the map with the locations of Gloucester and the teams from the 1912 & 2009 seasons. Students should consider appropriate methods to show the different information, and should mark on distances as the crow flies.
	•	Discuss how far the teams are from Gloucester. Are any of the teams from 1912 current opponents? If so, how do the teams get to Gloucester today? How would they have travelled in 1912?
PLENARY	•	Discuss similarities and differences between the fixture lists.
10 minutes	•	How might transport have affected impacted on the fixtures of 2009?

Suggested extension activities or cross curricular links:

- Link with History curriculum (1, 2a, 2c, 4, 5c)
- Research into methods of transport from 1912 (link with ICT)
- Investigate one of the opposing teams from 1912 club, town/city, players (link with ICT)
- Investigate travel times in the present day using the Internet (e.g. AA route planner) (link with ICT)



