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We discussed soccer because although it isn't a popular sport in the United States other countries find it very important and it's one of their main sports. I personally like soccer so I enjoyed learning more about it but I think you should show a video of the most impressive soccer goals. This could help interest people who don't like soccer. We could also have a project where everyone looked up a soccer team and learned about them and then have them present it to the class. Also, most people don't realize that Chef Gordon Ramsey was a professional soccer player before he became a famous chef so you could surprise them with extra little fun facts.

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We talked about soccer in class, because it is very popular in many Spanish speaking countries such as Brazil, Argentina, and Spain. Although it is played the same way in both the U.S and Spain, most other countries call it football instead of soccer. Personally, I am not a big fan of soccer just because I didn't have friends that played in it or because my family never really watched it when I was growing up. I felt that the history behind soccer was quite interesting and I wish we could have done something more interactive with it. Same with the players, if we did some type of research with them in groups, I feel we would have a better understanding for them. Maybe the next time the FIFA game is played you could do something that interacts with the countries to compare them to each other.

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We discussed it because it is a huge part of Spanish/European culture. I thoroughly enjoy soccer so I knew most of the things we talked about, but I did learn new things. I thought how you taught it & presented it went very well, but I would have shown a few videos on a few of the top players so everyone could see how good they really were/are.

→ Another way to get us to pay more attention to a presentation like you gave, is bonus points. If you had a little goal & little soccer ball if we listen at the end & you ask a question & the person who gets it right first has the chance to kick the ball in the goal & if they make it they get bonus points.

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We discussed soccer because it is a big part of Spanish culture. The professional sport is played by mostly Mexicans. I did like taking a new spin on the class & learning some culture things that aren't just the readings in our books. I learned some things from it, but think it would have been more beneficial if we ourselves researched the history & players. I think it would have been more fun to research the history & players in small groups and then present to the class in either powerpoint or posters. This way we are hands on and are doing it ourselves. It helps me remember more if I read it myself or do it myself instead of listening to someone talk. I can only pay attention so long to someone just talking. Getting us more involved always helps. I think the sport is boring but realize how important it is to some people & their culture. I learned who some famous players are & some of the good teams.

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Soccer is a huge part of the Spanish culture and has been for a long time. This is the biggest sport to them and has a major impact on their culture. I learned in this chapter though how important it really was. I liked how we learned the different ways and rules soccer has been played by and how it has evolved throughout the years. My favorite part of the unit though was learning who has won the world cup over the years and the song that was made about the winning of the world cup. We also learned about famous soccer players from around the world. Although I enjoyed learning about soccer or football and the world cup I think the unit would have been a little bit fun if there was a small project to do with it. But the most interesting thing I learned was actually how small the world cup trophy actually is.

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We learned about soccer because it is very popular and important to the Spanish culture. They celebrate soccer & their accomplishments like it's a national holiday. I learned that Shakira's song was dedicated to the world cup game - I really like that song. ☺ I think it would be cool to actually watch parts of one of their soccer games. Other than that, I thought this unit was very interesting.