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The Global Phenomenon: Why Soccer is the World's Most Popular Sport

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but some examples of other sports or activities that share qualities with soccer could include basketball, running, or tag, as they require minimal equipment and are accessible to many people.
2. Answers will vary. Possible points to consider include the exchange of soccer-related traditions, international tournaments, and the role of soccer clubs in fostering cultural exchange.
3. Answers will vary. Students may describe personal experiences, famous matches, or moments from professional soccer games that left a lasting impression.
4. The influence of soccer on the economy includes the sale of sports merchandise, increased tourism in cities hosting major soccer events, and job opportunities in coaching, sports management, and sports marketing.

