

# History of the World Cup (I)



1930

## The first World Cup

Host country: Uruguay  
(to celebrate its centenary of independence)

First champion: Uruguay



1934  
1938

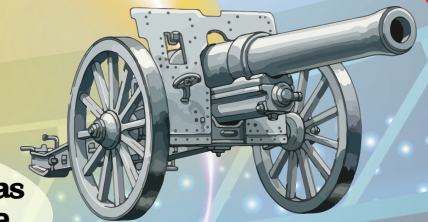
Italy won the championship

1934: The first World Cup with a qualification stage

1938: First African team to participate in the World Cup - Egypt

1942  
1946

Tournaments were cancelled  
due to World War II



1950

Classic Battle: Uruguay defeats Brazil (host country)  
in the final, creating the "Maracanã Smash"



Estádio do Maracanã

**Attendance Record**  
Over 170,000 spectators,  
setting a new record in  
sports history

1954

**Establishment  
of a 16-team  
tournament**

Introduction of  
the FIFA World  
Cup Trophy



West Germany was  
the first to lift the  
new trophy

1970

Brazil won  
their third World Cup  
title and permanently retained  
the Jules Rimet Trophy

Red-and-yellow cards  
and substitution system  
were first used at  
the World Cup



Brazil became the first non-European team to win the Championship in Europe (1958) and successfully defended its title (1962)

The first  
World Cup to  
be broadcasted



1966

## The Mysterious Theft of the Trophy

The stolen Jules Rimet Trophy was later found by a dog named Pickles



The emergence of "Pelé", the King of Football who is the only player to win the World Cup three times



1958  
1962