

## The 1970 World Cup - The Football War *Reading Worksheet*



El Salvador and Honduras are neighbours in Central America. In the late 1960s relations between the two countries were very bad. In June 1969 they played each other to qualify for the 1970 World Cup.

Honduras won the first game at home 1-0. A week later El Salvador won the return leg or match 3-0.

At this time, goal difference was disregarded and there was no extra time or penalties. Two weeks later there was a replay in Mexico City.

The replay was played in a very tense atmosphere. At the end of normal time, the score was 2-2. In extra-time El Salvador scored a dramatic winning goal.

Soon after the final whistle a war started between the two countries. It only lasted a 100 hours but around three thousand people were killed.

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### Quick Check: True or false?

1. El Salvador is in the USA.
2. Honduras and El Salvador are in the same region.
3. El Salvador won the tie on goal difference.
4. The replay was played in the capital of Mexico.
5. The duration of the 'football war' was around four days.

### Vocabulary: Find word or phrase that mean the following:

1. Next to/geographically close *paragraph 1*
2. Not included *para 3*
3. When a game is repeated. *para 3*
4. Difficult, nervous. *para 4*
5. Extension of play if score level after ninety minutes. *para 4*

