

The Champions League Anthem: Les grandes Équipes



1) Discussion

- a) Do you watch the Champions League?
 - b) Are there any things that happen before games in your country?
E.g handshakes between players etc.
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2) Vocabulary

a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

1) Grandeur (noun)

2) Regal (adjective)

3) To evoke (verb)

4) Pinnacle (noun)

5) To stir emotions
(phrase)

6) Integral (adjective)

7) Allure (noun)

- a) The power to attract or captivate someone, often through a combination of charm, beauty, or appeal.
- b) Something that is royal, majestic, or grand in appearance or manner, often evoking a sense of dignity and nobility.
- c) The quality of being impressive, majestic, or magnificent, often associated with large scale.
- d) The highest point or peak of something, representing the culmination or highest level of achievement, success, or excellence.
- e) Something that is essential, necessary, or fundamental.
- f) To bring about a particular feeling, memory, or response in someone, typically through a stimulus such as music, art, or words.
- g) To arouse or evoke feelings, sentiments, or passions in someone, often resulting in strong emotional responses or reactions.



b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a

Grandeur

Regal

To evoke

Pinnacle

To stir emotions

Integral

Allure

- 1) Scoring the winning goal in the final of the World Cup was the _____ of Ronaldo's career .
- 2) Sir Alex Ferguson's _____ presence on the sidelines commanded respect from players and spectators alike.
- 3) Teamwork is an _____ part of achieving success in international football.
- 4) The historic stadium's architecture seemed to _____ memories of past championship victories.
- 5) The team's unexpected victory in the tournament _____ among fans, from joy to disbelief.
- 6)The _____ of winning the World Cup is a dream for many footballers.
- 7) The _____ of playing for Real Madrid was a big factor in the player's transfer decision.



3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What does the Champions League anthem mean to supporters?
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Les Grandes Équipes...

The UEFA Champions League anthem is an iconic piece of music that has become synonymous with Europe's most prestigious football competition. Composed by English composer Tony Britten in 1992, the three-language (Fench, German and English) anthem was specifically created to add a sense of grandeur and occasion to the tournament.

Introduced during the 1992-1993 season, the anthem made its debut ahead of the opening match of the Champions League group stage. Its majestic melody and stirring orchestration immediately captured the imagination of football fans worldwide. Inspired by George Frideric Handel's "Zadok the Priest," the anthem's regal tones evoke a sense of anticipation and excitement, signalling the arrival of thrilling encounters and unforgettable moments on the pitch.

For fans, the Champions League anthem holds deep significance. It represents the pinnacle of European club football, where the continent's best teams compete for glory. Hearing the anthem before a match stirs emotions of pride, passion, and anticipation, uniting supporters in their shared love for the game. Whether sung by thousands in the stadium or heard through television screens around the globe, the anthem serves as a powerful symbol of the magic and prestige of the Champions League.

Over the years, the anthem has become an integral part of the competition's identity, adding to the spectacle and allure that continues to captivate football fans worldwide.



4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about the story of the Champions League anthem?
- b) What's the best Champions League game you can remember watching?
- c) Can you think of any other football songs?



Ce sont les meilleures équipes
Sie sind die allerbesten Mannschaften
The main event

Die Meister
Die Besten
Les grandes équipes
The champions

Une grande réunion
Eine große sportliche Veranstaltung
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