

# Core Activity Sheet 3.1

## Reasons for Football Violence

### ALCOHOL

Fans turn nasty when they have been drinking too much. They get more aggressive and are likely to get involved in fights

### YOUTH

Young people have always been more likely to be involved in crime and violence. This is linked to how they 'hang around' and identify with gangs and groups

### MACHO BEHAVIOUR

Men use football as a way of being assertive and showing how manly they are. This spills over into violence when their assertiveness becomes aggressive

### RACISM

Very often racist thugs get involved, trying to stir up trouble in football crowds. This happens especially in matches with foreign teams

### 'IDENTITIES'

People feel very strongly that they identify with their team. One way of showing their support and belonging is by being nasty to other teams' supporters. This can spill over into violence

### HISTORY

Football has always been associated with violence. Only a brief period between 1930 and 1950 seems to have been peaceful but that may be because the papers ignored the violence. In the 13th century, 'football' was an excuse for fights between villages. 'Hooliganism' is just a continuation of the working-class traditions of football



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### YOUR OWN IDEAS

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