



## Exploring NFL Rivalries

**Category:** Research Project

**Series:** The NFL at a Glance (Fierce NFL Rivalries: 12 Super-Charged Matchups)

### Supplies

Multiple copies of *Fierce NFL Rivalries: 12 Super-Charged Matchups*, NFL Team Histories online resource: <http://www.profootballhof.com/teams/>, NFL Team Matchups online resource: <http://www.profootballhof.com/teams/>

### Prep

Ask students to read *Fierce NFL Rivalries: 12 Super-Charged Matchups*.

### Directions

Assign each student one of the teams mentioned in *Fierce NFL Rivalries: 12 Super-Charged Matchups*. Each student should research his or her team using the NFL Team Histories online resource, making a list of reasons their team is great.

Then have each student look up his or her team in *Fierce NFL Rivalries* and find the rival team. Ask the students to compare these two teams using the NFL Team Matchups online resource. (Note: Some teams, such as the Green Bay Packers or New England Patriots, may have more than one rival.)

The students should use their research to make a list of 12 reasons why their team is better than the rival team. Remind the students that their reasons should include specific facts and evidence. They should also make sure to use information from both online sources and the *Fierce NFL Rivalries* book.

### Evaluation

Did the students accurately interpret the text and visual information from all three sources? Did they use information from each source in their list of 12 reasons? RI 4.7, 4.9, 5.7, 5.9

### Purpose

To help students understand information presented in a variety of ways (including visually and quantitatively) from several sources and to use that information to speak knowledgeably about a topic.