

# Best Wembley Finals



## 1) Discussion

- a) Has your favourite team played in any finals?
  - b) What stadiums would you like to visit?
  - c) What is your national stadium?
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## 2) Vocabulary

### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Illustrious (adjective) | a) Winning a game or competition.                    |
| 2) Landmark (noun)         | b) Very noticeable or excellent.                     |
| 3) Extra time (noun)       | c) More time added to a game when the score is tied. |
| 4) Victorious (adjective)  | d) An important place or event.                      |
| 5) Stand-out (adjective)   | e) Very famous and respected.                        |
| 6) Epic (adjective)        | f) Very great and impressive.                        |



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

Illustrious

Landmark

Extra time

Victorious

Stand-out

Epic

- 1) Diego Maradona's performance in the 1986 World Cup was a \_\_\_\_\_ performance in World Cup history.
- 2) During his \_\_\_\_\_ career, Xavi won many trophies.
- 3) The final weekend of the 2011-2012 Premier League season was \_\_\_\_\_, with Manchester City winning the title in the last minute.
- 4) Winning the 2002 World Cup was a \_\_\_\_\_ moment in Rivaldo's career.
- 5) After finishing 1-1 in normal time, Manchester United were \_\_\_\_\_ after winning on penalties.
- 6) The 2006 World Cup final between Italy and France went into \_\_\_\_\_ after a 1-1 draw.



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

- a) What 4 matches are mentioned in the article?
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#### **Best Wembley Finals**

Wembley Stadium is a famous and illustrious place for football. Many exciting finals have been played there. Four of the best finals are the 1966 World Cup Final, the 1998 Play-off Final, the 1989 FA Cup Final, and the 1953 FA Cup Final.

The 1966 World Cup Final is a landmark moment for English football fans. It was played on July 30, 1966. England played against West Germany. The game was very exciting and went into extra time. Geoff Hurst scored three goals, and England won 4-2. This match made England the world champions.

Another great game at Wembley was the 1998 Division One Play-off Final. Charlton Athletic played against Sunderland. It may not have been as big as the Champions League finals or FA Cup finals, but this game was a classic. The game ended 4-4, so they had a penalty shootout. Clive Mendonca scored three goals for Charlton. Charlton were the victorious team after winning 7-6 on penalties.

The 1989 FA Cup Final between Liverpool and Everton was also a stand-out final. Liverpool won 3-2 after extra time. Ian Rush scored two goals and John Aldridge scored one. This game was important because it happened after the Hillsborough disaster. The fans of both teams showed a lot of respect for each other.

The 1953 FA Cup Final is known as the "Matthews Final." Blackpool played against Bolton Wanderers. Blackpool won 4-3. Stanley Matthews, who was 38 years old, played very well. He helped his team come back from 3-1 down. Stan Mortensen scored three goals for Blackpool, and Bill Perry scored the winning goal.

These finals are some of the best games ever played at Wembley. Each game had many exciting moments and great players. Wembley Stadium is known for hosting some of the most epic football matches in history.



#### 4) Discussion

- a) Which match sounds the most interesting?
- b) What's the best World Cup final you have watched?
- c) Have you ever been to Wembley? If not, would you like to?
- d) What is the best final you have watched?

