

Subject	A Level Geography
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Tasks to complete:

A-level Geography is a multidisciplinary subject with links to biology, chemistry, environmental science, maths and even law. It offers a fascinating and relevant exploration of the world around us. It explores both the natural and human aspects of geography, examining physical processes like tectonic activity, glaciology, and coastal change, alongside human issues such as global migration, urbanisation, and resource management. Equally, it considers the environmental impact on the world and how to solve issues. This course encourages critical thinking about contemporary global challenges, including climate change, development disparities, and environmental risks, fostering a deep understanding of the interconnections between people and their environment. Through the two years, you will develop a wide range of skills, including data analysis, cartography, fieldwork, and independent research, preparing you for a diverse range of university courses and careers.

Summer work:

This bridging task is designed to help you prepare for the exciting challenges and deeper understanding you'll gain in A-level Geography. It will encourage you to think like a geographer, combining research skills with an understanding of complex real-world issues.

Teach your teacher about a place and problem!

Task: Choose **one** of the following global geographical issues to research. Your task is to produce a digital report (e.g., a Word document, PowerPoint presentation, or a short website/blog post) that addresses both the physical and human aspects of your chosen issue.

- **Plastic Pollution in Oceans:** *The accumulation of plastic waste in marine environments.*
- **Deforestation of Rainforests:** *The clearing of large areas of tropical rainforest.*
- **Impacts of Climate Change on a Specific Region (e.g., Arctic, Maldives):** *The observable effects of global warming in a particular area.*
- **Rapid Urbanisation in a Developing Country City (e.g., Mumbai, Lagos):** *The fast growth of cities in lower-income countries.*

Research & Report Structure:

For your chosen issue, your report should cover the following points, demonstrating your understanding of both physical and human geography:

Part 1: Defining the Issue & Physical Geography Links (Approx. 2 hours research)

- a) What is your chosen case study (location) and what are the general characteristics?
- b) What is the issue? Briefly define your chosen issue.
- c) Physical Causes/Processes:
What are the natural physical processes that contribute to or are affected by this issue? (e.g., ocean currents for plastic, weather patterns for deforestation, sea-level rise for climate change, physical landscape limitations for urbanisation).
- d) How does the Earth's natural environment respond to this issue?

- e) **Physical Impacts:** *Describe the impacts this issue has on the natural environment (e.g., ecosystems, climate, landforms, water quality). Provide specific examples.*

Part 2: Human Geography Links & Responses (Approx. 2 hours research)

- a) What are the demographics?
 b) **Human Causes/Contributions:**
What human activities or factors contribute to this issue? (e.g., consumer habits, industrial practices, population growth, economic development).
 c) How do different societies/countries contribute to the issue?
 d) **Human Impacts:**
Describe the impacts this issue has on people and societies (e.g., livelihoods, health, migration, economy, social inequality). Provide specific examples.
 e) **Management & Solutions:**
What are some of the strategies or solutions being proposed or implemented to manage/address this issue? These can be local, national, or global efforts.

Consider both government/policy actions and community/individual responses.

Presentation Guidelines:

- **Title Page:** Your name, the task title, and your chosen issue.
- **Structure:** Use clear headings and subheadings for each section (e.g., "Introduction," "Physical Causes," "Human Impacts," "Solutions").
- **Content:** Write in full sentences and paragraphs. Use geographical vocabulary accurately.
- **Images:** Include relevant images, diagrams, or maps to illustrate your points (remember to caption them and note your source).
- **Referencing:** Briefly list any websites, books, or articles you used for your research (e.g., BBC News, National Geographic, scientific journals, government reports). You don't need formal academic referencing, but acknowledge your sources.
- **Word Count (Guidance):** Approximately 800-1200 words (excluding images and references).

Additional reading and independent study

Recommended books (from Miss Humphreys)

- Fashionopolis and The story of stuff (both deal with consumption)
- Any book by Tim Marshall
- Coffee first, then the world- Jenny Graham (cycling around the world)
- Factfulness by Hans Rosling
- Mapmakers by John Noble Wilford
- No Wrong Turns by Chris Pountney (cycling around the world, part one).

Any other information

Consider your favourite part of GCSE Geography, and your interests within the subject- although this may change it helps your passion when arguing for the longer answer questions, and ready for your coursework.