

AQA A Level Geography – Year 11 Transition Pack (Summer Work)



Congratulations on choosing A Level Geography! This summer transition pack is designed to prepare you for the step up to A Level study. Geography is one of the most relevant subjects to help us understand the world today, by covering a range of topical and contemporary issues. Critically engaging with real world issues and places, whilst requiring numerous skills (including decision-making, cartographic and statistical). These tasks will help you develop the mindset and knowledge you'll need to succeed.

Overview of AQA A Level Geography

Year 12 Physical Geography Topics:

1. Water and Carbon Cycle
2. Hazards

Year 12 Human Geography Topics:

3. Global systems and global governance
4. Changing places

+ Minimum 2 days fieldwork (physical and human geography).

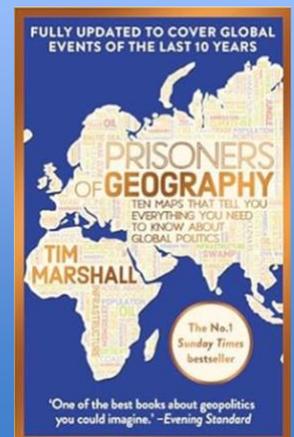
What follows Year 12?

Year 13 studies Coastal Landscapes in physical, and population and the environment in human. Plus, there is a non-examined assessment (NEA) piece, which requires data collection from the field.

A Level geography is a preferred subject by universities, opening doors to a wide range of degrees. Geography provides the route to numerous career opportunities, and with mounting pressures placed upon the world, further future career prospects will follow.

<https://www.rgs.org/choose-geography/choose-geography-at-school>

Take the Summer Reading Challenge



Summer Tasks Checklist

Task 1: Human Geography: How Globalisation affects you?

BQ: "Globalisation is undoubtedly a force for good". Do you agree with this statement.

Instructions

- a) Making globalisation personal 1 (your house). Take a 5 minute stroll around your house and your mission is to find 15 items of all shapes/sizes/kinds/uses which originate outside of the UK. Make this into a table like this –

Item	Country/city of origin	Importance to me
Beikell USB card reader	Shenzhen, China	I need it to transfer the photos from my camera to my laptop.
Lindt Lindor box of chocolates	Induno Olona, Italy	I need them to motivate me to work!

- b) Making globalisation personal 2 (your devices): Read this <https://www.wired.com/2016/04/iphones-500000-mile-journey-pocket/> and make a flowchart which follows the IPHones' journey right into your pocket in the UK! This still applies even if you do not own an Apple device!

Task 2: Human Geography: Key Terminology

BQ: What key terminology is crucial to be able to define for human geographical study.

Instructions: Research each human geography term to find its definition and provide a real-world example of it:

- Sustainability
 - Regeneration
 - Infrastructure
 - Deindustrialisation
 - Demographic
 - Deprivation
 - Gentrification
 - Privatisation
 - Stakeholders
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Task 3: Human Geography: Fairtrade

BQ: How to develop geographical curiosity and independent study habits, by examining articles and associated materials.

Instructions: Do a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis of Fairtrade with reference to world trade in bananas.

[https://www.bananalink.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/unpeeling the banana trade.pdf](https://www.bananalink.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/unpeeling-the-banana-trade.pdf)

Task 4: Physical Geography: GIS Global Mapping

BQ: What global patterns of climate change can we witness?

Instructions: Visit the NASA earth observatory website. Explore the different global maps with pattern different physical factors globally. Choose 2 global maps to describe the patterns shown, using the PEA method.

Point - Expand and Evidence - (Any) Anomalies

<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/global-maps>

Task 5: Physical Geography: contemporary news

BQ: What natural hazard has impacted an area of the world in recent news?

Instructions: Research and write a fact file (600–800 words) detailing the impacts and responses of a natural hazard event broadcast on the news in recent weeks. This could be a major flood, heat wave, wildfire or even an earthquake or volcanic eruption.

Useful Links

- AQA ALevel Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/a-level/geography-7037/specification/specification-at-a-glance>
- Tutor2u Geography: <https://www.tutor2u.net/geography>
- Geography Portal: <https://www.geographyportal.co.uk/alevel-resources>