

GEOGRAPHY A LEVEL - TEXTBOOKS & STUDY AIDS 2024/25

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| Mandatory | Textbooks provided by the School. | Students are loaned two textbooks: Edexcel A Level Geography Book 1 & 2. |
| | Textbooks ordered by the School which pupils pay for. | NA |
| | Textbooks which pupils buy themselves. | NA |
| Optional | Recommended Study Guides/Revision Materials which pupils source and pay for. | NA |
| | Suggested Study Guides/Revision Materials. Pupils to purchase/source themselves. | NA |
| | Suggested extra reading or viewing for enrichment/extension. Any possible costs incurred by pupils. | A reading / watching list is given to pupils at the start of the year. Look at SharePoint for links in each topic to develop learning in specific areas. |

DEVELOPING AS AN A LEVEL GEOGRAPHER – Reading and Viewing Suggestions

This guide has been designed for you to be able to dip in and out of, from looking at general geographical issues and developing your ability to think like a geographer, through to starting to explore some of the topics we will be looking at in Year 12 and 13 so you can do some valuable background reading.

The below includes websites, books, podcasts, documentaries and even films which provide a great way of staying inspired and engaging with geography.

i. ONLINE NEWS ARTICLES

THE CONVERSATION.COM <https://theconversation.com/uk> We can highly recommend you use this!

You will find it really useful to support many of your A Levels. It provides up to date articles from academics and specialists in the field written in a way that is accessible to all, summarising key points in short but insightful articles.

BBC NEWS <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news> - an excellent source of up-to-date articles – explore the key

headings such as Science, as well as the UK, World and other stories.

THE GUARDIAN <https://www.theguardian.com/uk> - again many useful articles and logically ordered – keep an eye on the Environment, Science, Society, Global Development stories in particular!

ii. PODCASTS

Now is the time to broaden your geographical understanding! Stick your headphones in and listen to some of the following...

Costing the Earth – There are some great podcasts here to pick from on a wide variety of geographical issues <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player> (many topics, including amongst others.. climate change, carbon, urban greening, deforestation, alternative power, plastics etc.)

Royal Geographical Society – “Ask the Geographer” podcasts -

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/> - a fantastic set of podcasts to keep A Level studies up-to-date with the latest geographical research – pick out some that interest you and give them a go!

iii. BOOKS

Remember you can make use of the local libraries’ digital library service for books – you don’t have to access hard copies, although most can be bought cheaply.

Prisoners of Geography (Marshall, T) – an insightful book which helps understand how physical geography impacts on political reality and really helps to understand how decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography – a great introduction to geopolitics. Tim Marshall has a few books published, all of which would be beneficial to read!

Factfulness: Ten reasons we’re wrong about the world – and why things are better than you think (Rosling, H 2019) – this is a must-read book from a geography perspective – this takes a more realistic view of the world, presenting issues in fact-based context. It is a rational look at actually how far the world has measurably improved and what’s left to be done.

Adventures in the Anthropocene (Vince, G) (2016) – this looks at the effects that humans are having on the surface and structure of the planet with a balanced view on recognising threats and dangers whilst also look for practical answers and solutions.

iv. GEOGRAPHICAL DOCUMENTARIES

There are some great geographical documentaries which will help develop your general geographical knowledge and understanding and help you see what an amazing world we live in.

The following are all available on iPlayer.

David Attenborough Box Sets – there are 9 amazing boxsets available on iPlayer from David Attenborough exploring our amazing world

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06m42d9>

The Americas with Simon Reeve <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m00095p0/theamericas-with-simon-reeve>

Simon Reeve around the World <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06rrnkm>

Mediterranean with Simon Reeve

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b0bnb6tt/mediterranean-with-simon-reeve>

Race Across the World <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0002tvs>

The following are all available on ITV Hub

Britain Underwater: Fighting the Floods <https://www.itv.com/hub/britain-underwater-fightingthe-floods/7a0157>

Joanna Lumley’s Hidden Caribbean: Havana to Haiti <https://www.itv.com/hub/joanna-lumleyshidden-caribbean-havana-to-haiti/2a7578>

The following are all available on Channel 4 – On Demand

When the Immigrants Leave (Dispatches)

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/69555-001>

China’s Lonely Hearts (Unreported World)

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/56011-011>

The World's Dirtiest River (Unreported world)

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/58399-001>

Forests of Fear (Unreported World) - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreportedworld/on-demand/69224-006>

Hurricane Hell (Unreported World) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreportedworld/on-demand/69224-007>

The World's Dirtiest Air (Unreported World)

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/on-demand/67193-002>

The Week Britain Froze (Dispatches)

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/66548-007>

The following are available on **YouTube**

Don't Panic (Hans Rosling) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FACK2knC08E>

The Future of Geography (Tim Marshall) FANE Productions https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nsS6i_bZ10 There are many other interviews/Podcast recordings with Tim Marshall, and you may wish to search certain aspects of geopolitics to find most relevant commentary.

v. GEOGRAPHICAL FILMS

(some are available online free – others may be available on providers such as Amazon Prime/Netflix etc.)

Before the Flood (2016) (PG) – National Geographic

<https://www.filmsforaction.org/watch/before-the-flood-2016/> (presented by Leonardo DiCaprio – exploring climate change and looking at what needs to be done today to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet.

The Impossible (2012) (12) – Movie based on real life events of the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami which killed 200,000 people.

Slumdog Millionaire (15) – based on life in the slums of Mumbai

Our Planet (Netflix series) – explores how climate change impacts all living creatures.

Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (12) – an epic which celebrates the journey of Nelson Mandela from childhood in a rural village through to his election as President of South Africa. This explores what happened in South Africa with regards to apartheid and Black opposition through the eyes of Nelson Mandela.

Hotel Rwanda (12) - the true story of hotel manager who houses and protects Tutsi refugees – this is a hard-hitting film based on the Rwandan Conflict of the 1990s.

The Last King of Scotland (15) – another hard-hitting story, based on struggles faced by Uganda under the dictatorship of Idi Amin.

Into the Wild (2007) (15) – based on the story of a university graduate who gives up all of his material possessions and journeys alone into the Alaskan Wilderness

Detropia (2012, Netflix) a film about the American Dream and industrialisation of Detroit, and its survival in the post-industrial era