

## GEOGRAPHY

The first topics you will study in Y12 will be Coasts and Hazards.

In order to prepare for this research an example of an ICZM (Integrated Coastal Zone Management).

For the hazards topic you need to research a 'multi-hazardous' location beyond the UK. Find out about the environmental, social and economic risks and how people have reacted to them.

For coasts, revising over their GCSE coasts topics, particularly the coastal processes. Use videos on Time for Geography to help them:

[https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos\\_list/coasts/](https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos_list/coasts/)

This website has a great reading/watching list for A Level which is updated regularly

[https://sites.google.com/tla.woodard.co.uk/intoa-levelgeography/home?fbclid=IwAR1MYTpeNu8PY7NqYOUun\\_jC2MonSsGyODWbvcPISgCLtUqQ6VaBtJ1jkD8](https://sites.google.com/tla.woodard.co.uk/intoa-levelgeography/home?fbclid=IwAR1MYTpeNu8PY7NqYOUun_jC2MonSsGyODWbvcPISgCLtUqQ6VaBtJ1jkD8)

Complete these research tasks and you will be setting yourselves up nicely for September and beyond.

Additional things you could look at while schools are shut from March 2020 onwards.

There are number of things you can do:

1. Developing as a geographer, through general reading around/watching videos/listening to podcasts etc. to develop your geographical knowledge and understanding
2. Prepare for the A Level course by starting to explore the topics and their foundations which will be studied. To be a great geographer you need to develop the ability to think synoptically, being able to see the greater overview and how everything begins to link together. Geography is not just about studying people and landscapes; it is also the relationships that exist between people and their environment.

At GCSE you covered a lot of the foundations of the underpinning concepts; physical processes and how they have shaped the landscape and the key human processes that shape our society. GCSE has provided a breadth of study, whereas A Level will now enable you to gain greater depth by exploring topics in greater detail but also encouraging you to see and explore the links between topics.

The best geographers at A Level keep reading the news and generally seek to improve their geographical understanding by engaging with geographical discussions regarding key issues. 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.

## Developing as a Geographer

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

### Online

The Conversation.com - <http://theconversation.com/uk> we can highly recommend you use this. This you will find is 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 exploring 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 and global development stories in particular.

### 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 and plastics).

Royal Geographical Society - "Ask the Geographer podcasts" - <https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/> this is 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.

### Online news articles

Remember you can make use of the local libraries digital library service for books, you don't have to access hard copies.

*Prisoners of Geography* by T Marshall - this is an insightful book which helps us to understand how physical geography impacts on political reality and really helps us to understand how decisions of world leaders have been shaped by geography. A great introduction to geopolitics.

*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. It 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 is left to be done.

*Adventures in the Anthropocene* by G Vince (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.

### 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 nine 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/the-americas-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>

The following are all available on ITV Hub:

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

Joanna Lumley's *Hidden Caribbean: Havana to Haiti* <https://www.itv.com/hub/joanna-lumleys-hidden-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/unreported-world/on-demand/69224-006> .

*Hurricane Hell* (Unreported World) <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/unreported-world/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>

### Geographical Films

some are available online free, others may be available on providers such as Amazon Prime or Netflix etc.

*Touching the Void* (15) (great for visualising glacial landscapes) – a powerful true story docudrama (strong language in parts)

*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

In addition to this with the current Covid19 crisis, I suggest you look at some of these too.

## **Books**

*The links will take you to Amazon, but other retailers are available.*

Danny Dorling and Carl Lee: [Geography](#)

Darshini David: [The Almighty Dollar](#)

Gaia Vince: [Adventures in the Anthropocene](#)

Hans Rosling *et al* [Factfulness](#)

Tim Marshal: [Prisoners of Geography](#)

Yuval Noal Harari: [Sapiens: A brief history of mankind](#)

Philippe Legrain: [Immigrants: Your Country Needs Them](#)

Jonathan Watts: [When a Billion Chinese Jump](#)

Joseph Stiglitz: [Globalisation and its Discontents Revisited](#)

### Podcasts

BBC '[Costing the Earth](#)'

Beyond today: [Can we be green and rich?](#)

Beyond today: [Did Huawei just win a tech war?](#)

Beyond today: [What's wrong with ayahuasca tourism?](#)

Geography Alltheway [podcasts](#).

[The Geographical Association](#)

[The Royal Geographical Society:](#)

[The Royal Geographical Society: Ask a geographer](#)

[The Economist podcasts](#)

### Videos

Simon Reeve is a great start for those looking at places. [Start here on BBC iPlayer](#)

Simon Reeve Places that don't exist: [Somaliland](#)

Stacey Dooley Investigates: [World's worst place to be a woman?](#)

TED Talk: [Why climate change is a threat to human rights](#)

TED Talk: [Greta Tunburg](#). The disarming case to act right now on climate change

The Economist films <https://www.youtube.com/user/EconomistMagazine/videos>

### Other resources

A great list of open source books, resources and stuff [here](#). These two taken from the map section:

[Rumsey Map Collection](#) over unique 91,000 maps, charts and pictorial maps from the 16th to 21st Century, Available to download in very high resolution.

[Osher Map Library](#) a selection of historic Maps available for download under a CC BY NC licence.

### Other reading lists

[The GA Post-16 reading list](#) - lots of fiction and nonfiction books for you to dive into.