



A Level Geography



Hello aspiring A level Geographers,

Included in this document is information about the course, 2 tasks for you to have a go at and a list of resources that you can use to help you prepare for A level Geography. Please bring anything you complete with you to your first Geography lesson back.

We use the **AQA specification** for A level and the specification can be found below if you would like to have a look in more detail.

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/geography/specifications/AQA-7037-SP-2016.PDF>

The Topics that we cover are the following:

Human: Contemporary Urban environments, Global Systems and global Governance and Changing places.

Physical: Water and carbon cycles, Coastal systems and landscapes, Hazards.

We use the following textbooks and revision guides in lessons. Please feel free to have a look at them, however you are not expected to buy them. If you do wish to you may be able to find them cheaper elsewhere.

Textbook: <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/subjects/geography/products/16-18/aqa-a-level-geography>

Revision Guide: <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/as-and-a-level/geography/gar72-a-level-geography-aqa-year-1-2-complete>

Tasks

Hazards

Last week was the 10 year anniversary of the Eyjafjallajokull volcanic eruption in Iceland, which causes chaos across Europe, grounding flights through the spread of a giant ash cloud.

Please watch the attached video and work through the questions attached.

Eyjafjallajokull volcanic eruption video: <https://vimeo.com/280686404>

Eyjafjallajokull volcanic eruption Questions sheets:

<https://www.discover-the-world.com/app/uploads/files/Eyjafjallajokull-Worksheet.pdf>

<https://www.discover-the-world.com/app/uploads/files/Eyjafjallajokull-Extension-Activities-Questions.pdf>

Changing places

For 'Changing Places' we are staying in Iceland to look at how the small town of Hvergerdi has changed over time.

There are 4 activities below for you to have a go at. Task 4 is an extension task just for those who would like to do some extra reading around famous Geographers that have influenced Changing places as a topic.

Task 1: Watch the attached video on the Hvergerdi: a changing place.

<https://vimeo.com/293906473>

Task 2: Use the resources attached to create a timeline of how Hvergerdi has changed. Include the different factors that affect what Hvergerdi is like, e.g. the hot springs.

https://www.discover-the-world.com/app/uploads/files/Resource_And_Answer_Guidance_Changing_Places_Hvergerdi-original.pdf

Task 3: Use the resources to create a glossary of key terms related to changing places. You can add to this as you go along and bring it with you to your geography lessons in year 12.

Task 4: Research the work of British Geography Doreen Massey.

Reading and watching list

Below is a list of books, websites and documentaries that may further your geographical knowledge in preparation for A level Geography

Documentaries

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p008gv4g> Richard Hammond looks at the typhoon resistant design of Hong Kong airport. 5mins
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09hlzbb/expedition-volcano-series-1-episode-1> Expedition volcano- episode 1. A group of volcanologist study Nyiragongo an incredibly dangerous volcano in the Congo(1 hour).
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omweCEit6k8> – Forest fires with Simon Reeve (3mins 40secs)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p00s8qlf/cities-of-europe-london-we-live-by-the-river> 2 boys walk across London following the Thames. Made in 1955, shows how London use to be (24mins)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b03sr67n/this-world-the-coffee-trail-with-simon-reeve> Simon Reeve looks at how coffee is produced and sold across the world.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b019clbg/natures-weirdest-events-series-1-episode-1> Weird weather events from across the world.

Links

- METGeography Instagram
- A level specification <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>
- Geographical Association <http://www.geography.org.uk/resources>
- The British Geographers - <http://thebritishgeographer.weebly.com/>
- Royal Geographical Society - <http://www.rgs.org>
- Gap minder (Statistics and Human Geography) - <https://www.gapminder.org/>
- BBC Bitesize (Revision) –
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/>
- BBC News - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
- Google Earth - https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth/
- ArcGIS - <https://www.arcgis.com/features/index.html>
- The Met Office - <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>
- Digimaps - <https://digimap.edina.ac.uk/>

Human Geography Websites:

- Watch anything by Hans Rosling on TED talks
https://www.ted.com/playlists/474/the_best_hans_rosling_talks_yo
- World economic forum – lots of economic and political geography very interesting
<https://www.weforum.org/>
- Maps that show us who we are (not just where we are) | Danny Dorling:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWaZEXBbQL0>
- Danny Dorling - Inequality and Insurrection | SOAS University of London:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0FZKyJXA9E>
- Worldmapper – www.worldmapper.org
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development – www.oecd.org

- United Nations Millennium Development Goals <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>
- International Organisation for Migration – www.iom.int
- New Internationalist – www.newint.org
- Global population & environment - <http://www.nova.org.au/earth-environment/populationenvironment>

Physical Geography Websites:

- Emergency Events Database – <http://www.emdat.be/>
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – www.ipcc.ch
- UK Government policies and actions – <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change>
- The Guardian Climate change- <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/climate-change>
- The BBC Coast series - www.bbc.co.uk/coast/

Books

- Prisoners of Geography- Tim Marshall
- Step by Step - Simon Reeve Autobiography.
- Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics by Tim Marshall
- Geography: Ideas in Profile by Danny Dorling & Carl Lee
- What is Radical About Geography? by Danny Dorling
- Walking the Amazon by Ed Stafford (DVD & book)
- Tropic of Capricorn by Simon Reeve (DVD & book)/ Tropic of Cancer by Simon Reeve (DVD & book)
- Factfulness by Hans Rosling et al.