

Geography (AQA)

A Level Preparation Work

Welcome to A-Level Geography! A-Level geography provides you with the opportunity to find your most loved aspects of this subject!

What is Geography?

Explore the subject of Geography in the news this summer and try to find some news paper/online reports that will link to your studies next year. Create a small scrap book or gather a collection of newspaper clippings to glue onto an A3 piece of paper! Use the clouds to inspire you!

Websites (to help)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science and environment](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science_and_environment)
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>



Topics

Coastal Landscapes
Water and Carbon Cycle
Natural Hazards

Population and the Environment
Changing Places
Globalisation

Coastal Erosion

Disease

Earthquakes

Trade

Wildfires

Volcanic Eruptions

Urban Regeneration

Tourism

Health

Global Politics

Coastal Flooding

Climate Change

When studying geography it is important to be aware of the ‘big questions’ that impact upon our world today. Below is a set of ‘big questions’ for you to consider.

Question 1. ‘It is a country’s level of economic development that will determine how well it copes with natural hazards.’ Evaluate the validity of this statement.

Question 2. ‘Wars in the future will be fought over arable land.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Question 3. ‘Globalisation is positive to all.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Question 4. Doreen Massey’s work revolves around the concept of “*a sense of place*”. What do you consider this phrase to mean?

Question 5. ‘Coastal areas in developing countries are more at risk than those in developed countries.’ To what extent do you agree with this statement?

Question 6. Whose responsibility is it to tackle issues such as Malaria, Food Insecurity and Poverty?

Question 7. How should Antarctica be used by people in the future, if at all?

TASK: Read through these seven big questions.

For each one briefly outline what your opinion is on the ‘big question’.

Choose **one** of these big questions, expand upon your brief opinion and write your key arguments linked to this issue.

Where appropriate use evidence to back up your opinions.