



GEOGRAPHY

Reading List





Year 9, Middle School and Sixth Form

Books

Physical Geography

The Ages of Gaia - James Lovelock (1988)

A biography of the living Earth – to be read before ‘adventures in the Anthropocene!’

Adventures in the Anthropocene - Gaia Vince (2014)

A must read for all geographers! It charts the rise of the human geological time period, the impact on the planet and how it is being managed.

Wilding - Isabella Tree (2019)

Perfect for our A level Geographers studying the ‘water and carbon cycle’ and the ‘production of food’ and for our IB students considering ‘resource consumption and security.’

Human Geography

Where Underpants Come From: From Checkout to Cotton Field - Travels through the New China - Joe Bennett (2010)

A look through the lens of globalisation by way of the manufacture of underpants in China! Ideal for HL IB geographers.

Prisoners of Geography - Tim Marshall (2015) and **Divided** - Tim Marshall (2018)

Both Tim Marshall books are a must read for GCSE, A level and IB Geographers as they explore the central themes of geopolitics, inequality, development and globalisation.

The world without us - Alan Weisman (2007)

An investigation of the potential impacts of the de-population of the planet. Population change is a fundamental theme for all geographers.

Sapiens: A brief history of humankind - Yuval Noah Harari (2014)

Charting the history of our life on Earth and the indelible impact that we have had on it; it is essential background reading for all geographers.

On the Map - Simon Garfield (2013)

A history of maps – maps form the basis of all topics studied at GCSE, A level and IB Geography.

Silent Spring - Rachel Carson (1962)

Documenting the adverse effects of the use of pesticides it is a must read for students studying the food topic at A level.

Factfulness - Hans Rosling (2018)

Check out the associated ‘gapminder’ website. Hans Rosling is a guru on challenging our perception of development and inequality. He’ll deliver a dose of optimism into the life of any geographer...

Off the Map - Alastair Bonnett (2014)

An investigation into the hidden corners of our planet – a quirky look at human geography...

American Dirt - Jeanine Cummins (2020)



Available to listen to as a Radio 4 podcast American Dirt is a gripping tale of the journey of a migrant from Mexico to the USA as part of a 'migrant caravan.' Relevant for A level and IB geographers who study the topic of international migration.

Audio-Visual

<https://www.rgs.org/> Royal Geographical Society
A host of information including podcasts (see below) and lectures.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2f3cdm> Bitesize Geography
Perfect for GCSE geographers!

<http://www.juicygeography.co.uk/> Juicy Geography
There are GCSE Case Studies galore on this site!

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/> Time for Geography
Excellent for short video clips, especially for processes and landform in physical geography.

<https://geographical.co.uk/> The Geographical Magazine online
The 'go to' magazine for all geographers – excellent!

<https://vicetv.com> Vice TV Channel
Topical geographical videos can be found here particularly in relation to 'identity' and the 'environment'

<https://www.journeyman.tv> Journeyman Pictures
Fantastic Australian Documentaries covering a range of geographical topics

<https://www.gapminder.org> Gapminder
Founded by Hans Rosling – videos and interactive graphs on development and inequality

<https://worldmapper.org> Worldmapper
Maps with a difference to give a different perspective on geographical themes and issues.

Podcasts

Geography Ninja – <https://podtail.com/en/podcast/geography-ninja>
 Covering a vast array of topics

Ask the Geographer – <https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts>
 RGS series

BBC World Service – www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/worldserviceradio
 The Documentary Podcast. Longer podcasts which sometimes focus on environmental and developmental issues