

Super Curricular Activities (Geography)

What are Super Curricular Activities?

Super Curricular Activities describe extra-curricular activities that help students to expand their general knowledge and subject knowledge. The list below has been compiled using advice given from Oxford and Cambridge universities about the resources young people could use to enhance their knowledge about the world. *The new GCSE and A Level courses are much more focused on knowledge than in previous years: students who 'read widely' will undoubtedly have an advantage because they will have a deeper understanding of topics and will have nurtured their love of learning.*

Advice on how to use the Super Curricular Activities

Simple: follow your interests and dip in and out of whatever catches your eye! Learning is a life-long commitment and you should relish opportunities to explore new topics and expand your knowledge. The best way to do this is to follow your interests and to stretch yourself to find out more about new topics and ideas: the suggestions below are sources of information you could use to help you to explore any topic that interests you... *keep in mind that although Google and Wikipedia can be useful tools, they don't always have accurate information so cannot be entirely trusted!*

Super Curricular Activities:

Extra reading

The best geography reading resource is the news. Every day there are geography related stories either about natural disasters, poverty, global differences, local differences, politics, new technologies etc. The BBC has a great app where you can have the day's headlines but also add your own different categories to a bar to collate stories of interest together. All other newspapers have great resources the guardian is good for environmental issues.

Another great source is TED talks- you are able to explore specific topics and some of the talks look at issues from a different perspective, look up ideas like, maps, climate change, population etc.

General Interest

- Book- Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics Paperback by Tim Marshall
- Book- Geography: Ideas in Profile by Danny Dorling & Carl Lee
- Book- 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)

Geographical organisations (some offer memberships to young people, some are just full of great resources)

- Geographical Association <http://www.geography.org.uk/resources>
- The British Geographers - <http://thebritishgeographer.weebly.com/>
- Royal Geographical Society - <http://www.rgs.org>
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Journals/ magazines (need to be purchased- sell in shops and online)

- New Scientist.
- National Geographic.
- Geographical.
- Geoactive, Geofile or Geography Review. (a selection of these can be found on the student drive)
- The Economist

Good websites

- Human geography and statistics- Gap minder
- Revision- bite size and s-cool

Physical geography (hazards, climate change, coasts, rivers)

- 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/

Human geography

- 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/population-environment>

Films/ documentaries: (please only watch those that have the appropriate age certificate for you)

- Raging Planet/ Planet Earth I and II/ Earth: Power of the Planets.
- Around the world in 80 days/ Sahara/ Full Circle etc – Michael Palin.
- Andrew Marr's Megacities/ Britain from Above.
- Volcano (1997) /Dantes Peak (1997)/ Earthquake (1974)/ San Andreas (2015).
- Flood (2007)/ Twister (1996)/ The Impossible (2017).
- State of the Planet – a series made in 2001 and presented by David Attenborough.
- Human Planet – 8 part BBC documentary series (2011)
- Wall. E (2008) Covers themes of Globalisation and brand power. Also, environmental issues depicted through scenes of a post-apocalyptic world devoid of all natural life.
- Slumdog Millionaire
- Erin Brockovich - a good film that presents the negative impacts of the natural gas industry and the extent to which large companies are prepared to go to, to cover this up.