Starter: Where are you now with improving DE&I and decolonising your geography teaching?



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Improving the diversity, equity and inclusiveness of geography

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1. Sharing insights

Where are we now?

Build on strengths

The study of big societal and environmental issues and synoptic styles of assessment. Learning about the impact of colonialism and neo-colonialism on people, places and the environment. Including the perspectives of diverse groups.

Issues

Give more space to diverse perspectives and marginalised voices when learning about geographical issues and case studies.



Assessments

Provide more varied methods of assessment, especially for fieldwork and enquiry. Accessibility of the language, content and assessments is key.

Development

Include broader perspectives on development and rethink the way we classify countries at different levels of development

Content

KS3 and A level offer more opportunities and flexibility. GCSE Geography needs updating. DE&I should be interwoven throughout so it gets the prominence it deserves.



Assessment

Accessibility is key – the right solution must be balanced and consider the needs of disadvantaged or marginalised groups of students.

Support

Many teachers feel informed and confident, but they don't know what the right solution should look like. Teachers don't all have the time and resource they need to do this.





Partnered with We Rise, an awardwinning community business, to engage with young people from diverse and historically marginalised backgrounds.

"The content needs to be more diverse - they are constantly learning about why low income/developing countries (which many of the students are from) are poor, struggling and underdeveloped while constantly learning how high-income countries like the UK and USA are great, when in reality they also have a lot of struggles. They would like to learn more about how these low-income countries are growing and have been able to expand after being freed from the grasp of other countries."



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What next?

- Address problematic language now to support teachers and to address key DE&I issues.
- Research improvements to the accessibility of extended response questions.
- Engage with teachers and students, to seek views on any proposed changes.
- Research more significant changes to content and assessments ahead of the next qualification redevelopment.



Key stage 3 and into GCSE Geography

"The need to provide a broad, deep and rich education for all...Equal access and opportunity...Engaging students from all backgrounds in their education...Inclusion of all"

Source: Education inspection framework Equality, diversity and inclusion statement

"Every teacher has a responsibility to 'include' all students in the curriculum, regardless of their academic or physical ability, ethnicity, social class, gender or religious belief."

Source: <u>https://www.geography.org.uk/Creating-an-inclusive-geography-classroom</u>

KS3 Space to embed and prepare Explicit links and opportunities

GCSE Geography

Problematic language:

- Slum
- Indigenous Peoples
- Indigenous v local people
- Country classification

Longer term:

- Hazards
- Development



Terms you may come across

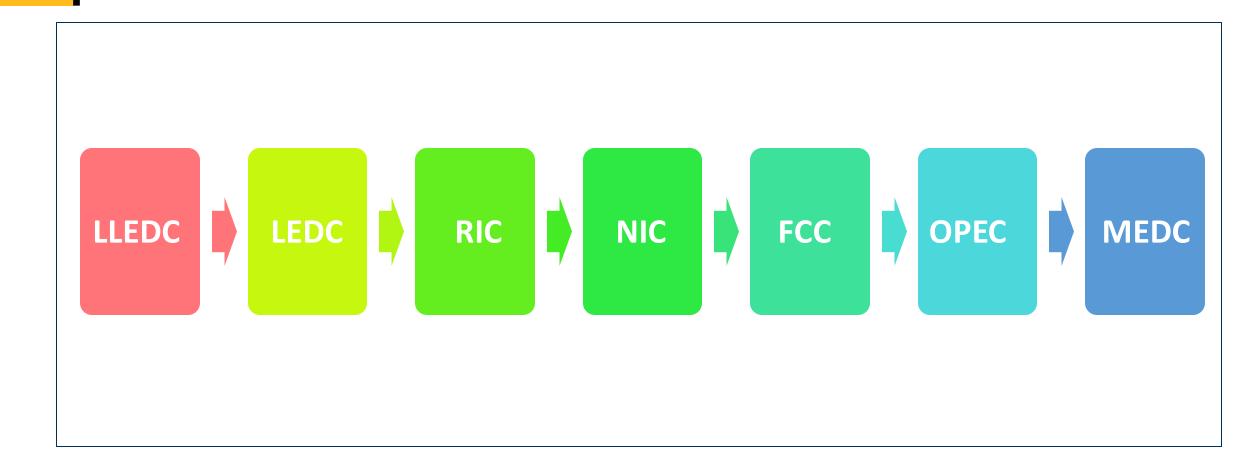
Developed country - Country with very high human development (VHHD)

Developing country - Country with low human development (LHD), a poor country

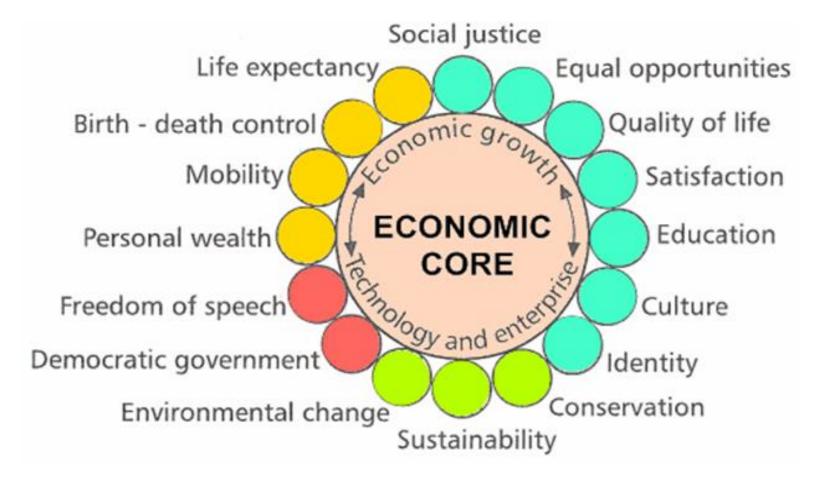
Emerging country - Country with high and medium human development (HMHD), recently emerging country.

<u>The Human Development Index (HDI)</u> Life expectancy at birth + Literacy rate + Enrolment rate + GDP per capita PPP

Is development a one-way street?



The Development Cable



At its core is economic development, but to achieve real progress social, political, environmental and personal development is also needed.

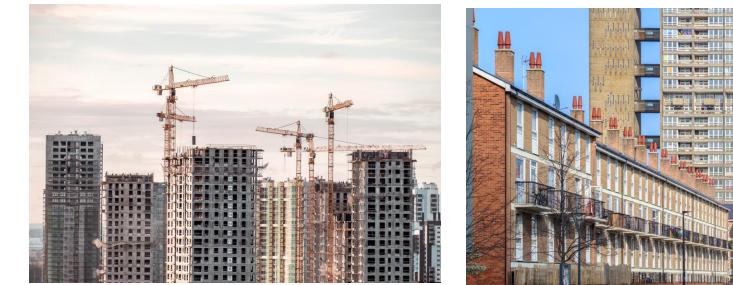
A level Geography

Rationale for our specification review

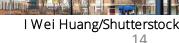
- Stereotypical language
- Simplistic and non-critical place contexts
- Inclusion of marginalised perspectives



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Discussion: Where are you now?

- Tell us one thing you are finding challenging at the moment?
- Why is this?
- Go to https://www.menti.com/alf91u6nqbxr



2. Adapting your curriculum

Explicit links and opportunities identified as a team

Opportunity to introduce socio-cultural topics for research. Understanding how to critically evaluate sources - who wrote this/said this and why? What is their agenda?

Protecting our planet. (Climate change and focus

Future Cities: (London and it's global importance)

Tectonic hazards: Earthquakes (Earthshattering)

Tectonic hazards: Volcanoes (Earthshattering)

Young People's Geography Project

Resource Reliance (energy consumption/ carbon footprint)

My connections to the world project enables students to see and value their links to other places/cultures and see the value in the diversity witnessed in their whole group's presentations and sharing.

(This can be used to help inform future lessons with this group/these students to help draw on these connections) Opportunity to explore why we have these specific links.

GEOGRAPHY LEARNING JOURNEY



Term 2: - Wild Water (Rivers)

- A Place Called Home (settlement and map work) Term 3 - Its Not Fair! (Development and economic activity)

- Time for change (climate change and Oceans)

- Journey around the world. (Biomes with a focus

- Cracking Coasts (Coasts and geology)

YEAR 8

Superpowers

Hydro-meteorological hazards

· Geography rocks! (Geology unit)

Term 1:

Term 2:

+ Conflict

Term 3:

on hot deserts)

YEAR 10

Term 1:

YEAR 9

on the Arctic

Term 1:

Term 2:

Term 3:

UK Physical Geography (Holderness, River Severn case study) and UK Human Geography (Birmingham case study) (Including fieldwork to Carding Mill Valley and Birmingham)

Term 2:

Battle for the biosphere (People and the Biosphere, Forests under Threat, Consuming Energy Resources, Decision Making Geography) Term 3:

Global Hazards part 1 (Tectonics and Hydro-meteorological Hazards - Montserrat and Eyjafjallajökull eruptions, Hurricane Sandy, Typhoo Haiyan)

YEAR 11

Term 1: Megacities (Mumbai case study) · Global hazards part 2 (climate)

Term 2: Development Dilemmas (India case study)

Term 3: Revision

YEAR 12 Term 1:

Coasts and Globalisation Term 2:

Regenerating Places and Tectonics Term 3:

Fieldwork and NEA (independent project)

YEAR 13 Term 1:

· Carbon and Water - Health, Human Rights and Intervention Superpowers

Term 2: - Synoptic and Revision

Enrichment

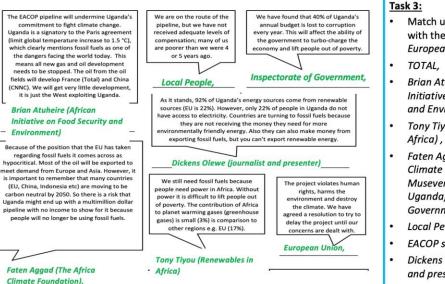
Young Geographer of the Year, the Physical Geography Photography Competition Geography Association Worldwise Quiz



Auditing our curriculum



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- Match up the viewpoints with the different players: European Union,
- Brian Atuheire (African Initiative on Food Security and Environment)
- Tony Tiyou (Renewables in
- Faten Aggad (The Africa Climate Foundation), Yoweri Museveni (President of Uganda), Inspectorate of Government,
- Local People,
- EACOP stakeholders group,
- Dickens Olewe (journalist and presenter)

How to write about Africa?

Binyavanga Wainaina was a Kenyan author, journalist and activist who was the 2002 winner of the Caine Prize for African Writing. In April 2014, Time magazine included Wainaina in its annual TIME 100 as one of the "Most Influential People in the World". He sadly died in 2019.

In 2005 he wrote one of my favourite essays 'How to write about Africa'. A satirical essay which critiqued the representation of Africa in western media.

Task:

As we read through the text, highlight stereotypes of Africa that Wainaina mentions. Are these similar or different to the perceptions that we talked about at the start of the lesson.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= GtosVgGofA

Critical reflection on sources

Task: Find examples of the following as we read the article together:

- Suggestions that China's investment in the African continent could be perceived as exploitative
- Suggestions that Africa is benefiting from China's investments in the continent. Thus leading to a win-win situation.

Suggestion: Use highlighters (different colours) to help you complete the task.



Dr Mehari Taddele Maru

Why Africa loves China

Contrary to what the West believes, Africans do not see themselves as victims of Chinese economic exploitation

By Dr Mehari Taddele Maru, a scholar of peace and security, law and governance, strategy and management, human rights and migration issues. Source: Al Jazeero- 06/01/2019

At the September 2015 Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing, African Union Chairperson and Awandan President Paul Kagame lauded (praised) the Chinase aid and investment strategy in Africa is a source of 'deep transformation'. Regime argued that the cooperation between Ohina and Africa is based on mutual respect and is for the benefit of both partners. This sentiment (fielding) is perhaps shared by most African heads of states and governments if their attendance of the summit is anything to go by.

However, despite the African leadership's embrace of China as a valued partner, the view that Beijing is a "predatory" (hunting/hurting) actor in Africa, attempting to recolonise the continent is also ubiquitous (widespread) in foreign policy circles, media narratives and academia.

Africa sees China differently than the Wes

The China-Africa relationship is currently being interpreted through two diametrically opposed perceptions.

The first of the two is a Sino-phobic one, mostly adopted in the West. For instance, in a recent policy briefing at the Heritage Foundation, US National Security Adviser John Bolton criticised

Keywords:

Neo-colonialism: indirect control- where a major power uses economic or political means to exercise its influence over developing nations.

Sino: China or relating to China

Sinophobia: a fear or dislike of China, or Chinese people, their language or culture

Debt trap: a situation in which a debt is difficult or impossible to repay

What's in a name?

1- Use pages 134 (Longman Atlas) or 98 (Philips atlas) to create your own physical map of Australia.

- Kunama Namadgi*/ Mt Kosciuszko
- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Munga-Thirri -Simpson Desert
- Great Victorian Desert
- Great Sandy Desert

- Indian Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Great Barrier Reef
- Coral Sea
- Tasman Sea
- Bass Strait
- Tasmania

2- When you are finished you can colour in the map:

- Orange/yellow for deserts
- Brown for mountains
- · Blue for lakes, rives, seas

Baaka/Darling River
Dhungala/Murray River

Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre

Key mountains



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVYFod CEStE

Longer term plans

Our aim is to incorporate the following wider reading into our teaching:

- Jeremy Seabrook, 'The Song of the Shirt: The High Price of Cheap Garments, from Blackburn to Bangladesh', C Hurst & Co (2015)
- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Debbie Reese, and Jean Mendoza, 'Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People', Beacon Press (2019)

Discussion: Start, Stop, Continue

- Go to https://www.menti.com/alq1q1882yfx
- How can we improve the DE&I of geography curricula?
 - Start: What are the activities we need to begin?
 - Stop: What are the activities that no longer serve our students? What do we need to let go of?
 - Continue: What should stay?



3. Practical ideas

A level Geography Topic 8A

8A.2 c - There are significant variations in health and life expectancy within countries (UK or Brazil) that can be related to ethnic variations (Aboriginal peoples in Australia) and income levels and inequalities, which, in turn, impact on lifestyles.

Makes no explicit reference to the role of colonialism and the structural inequalities that persist and how these impact the life expectancy and health outcomes of Indigenous Australians.

A more decolonised approach:

- Explanation of the history of settler colonialism in Australia
- Exploration of the connection between the past and present (incarceration rate, education, health)
- Exploring how Indigenous Australians see settler colonialism the role of intergenerational trauma
- Structural racism and the role it plays in the failure to improve health outcomes and life expectancy.

What's the connection between the past and the present?

The social and economic impact of invasion and control of Indigenous people has accumulated across generations. It was amplified by policies and practices that have systematically disadvantaged Indigenous people. In many instances, this has resulted in the transmission of trauma, poverty and other forms of disadvantage from generation to generation. So the disadvantage we see today is often the long term effect of lack of opportunities in previous generations, including poor nutrition and inadequate education and health care.

Task:

Watch the video https://www.futurelearn.com/info/courses/firstpeoples-safer-healthcare/0/steps/50671 Many people may not realise just how recent much of this history is. In fact, there are people alive today who were:

- Before 1967 were not seen as Australian citizens
- Could not legally own property until 1975
- forcibly removed from their parents under government policy 1910-1960 - Stolen Generations
- separated from their children
- banned in towns after 6:00pm
- not allowed to be in public areas without permission
- barred from schools and hospitals
- forced to work in the homes of non-Indigenous people and had their earnings permanently withheld by the government

8A.6 - c. A demand for equality from both women and ethnic groups has been an important part of the history of many states in recent years (Afghanistan, Australia, Bolivia) with progresstaking place at different rates.

Indigenous Voice - A historical constitutional vote



Video:

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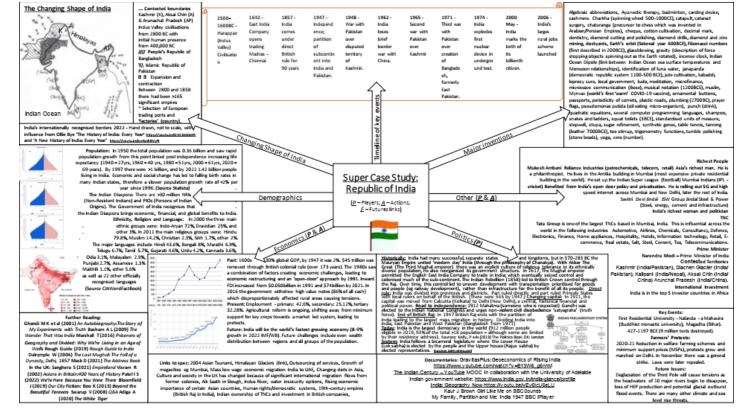
In Mach 2023 Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced that the world be a historic referendum later this year to change the constitution. If approved, the vote would establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice - a formal body for Indigenous people to give advice on laws.

Discuss:

- What do the supporters of the voice to parliament say about its ability to reduce the structural inequalities faced by Australia's indigenous populations.
- 2) What are some of the different criticism of the voice to parliament?
- 3) How does the proposed constitutional change respond to the weaknesses of previous policies such as 'Close the Gap'?

Super Case Studies

- Context of countries
- Revisit it later
- Integrated into existing work
- Used with additional resources/fact sheet
- Use of a timeline of location



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Identifying colonial links

The table identifies the required content, an example case study/located example, possible colonial links for context and additional relevant/rel ated background reading/context.

Topic 1 – Hazardous Earth			
Specification Case Study Required	Case Study Selected	Colonial links	Relevant/related background reading/context
Tectonic Hazard	Chances Peak, Soufrière	Former French and British colony. Post eruption	Montserrat: Postal History of a Caribbean Island
Developing/Emerging Country	Hills, Montserrat	many became refugees to the UK and the UK gave	Montserrat: Emerald Isle of the Caribbean
		aid to help. Other aid was received from other countries.	History of Anguilla and Montserrat, British Virgin Islands, Montserrat: History of a Caribbean colony
Tectonic Hazard Developed Country		Scandinavian / Irish Monks / Norse / Norway /	
		Denmark / Sweden / Influence of English and	
		German merchants	
Hydro-Meteorological Hazard	Typhoon Haiyan, Philippines	Spanish, then US (hence the air base being there to	There's no such thing as a natural disaster
Developing/Emerging Country		help with warnings)	Climate Change is Racist A wake up call: One typhoon survivor's story Voices
			of Youth
Hydro-Meteorological Hazard	Hurricane Sandy, USA	French/Spanish/ British/Netherlands	There's no such thing as a natural disaster
Developed Country		*Who suffers most/who lives in the most	The People Who Were Killed By Hurricane Sandy Whitney Hess Stories
		vulnerable areas?	Sandy Storyline
		Topic 2 – Development Dynamics	
Emerging Country	India		Peter Frankopan - Silk Roads Ghandi M K et al (2001) An Autobiography: The Story o
			My Experiments with Truth Basham A L (2009) The Wonder That Was India Marshall 1
		magnar empire/ easemaia company/ briash	(2016) Prisoners of Geography and Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls In the UK: Visram R () Asians in Britain:400 Years of History Patel I S () We're Here Because
			You Were There: Immigration And The End of Empire Bloomfield J (2019) Our City
			Fiction: Boo K (2013) Beyond the Beautiful Forevers Swarup V (2008) Q&A Adiga A
			(2020) The White Tiger
		Topic 3: Challenges of an urbanising wo	
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		Mughal Empire/ East India Company/ British	
		Empire (British Raj)	

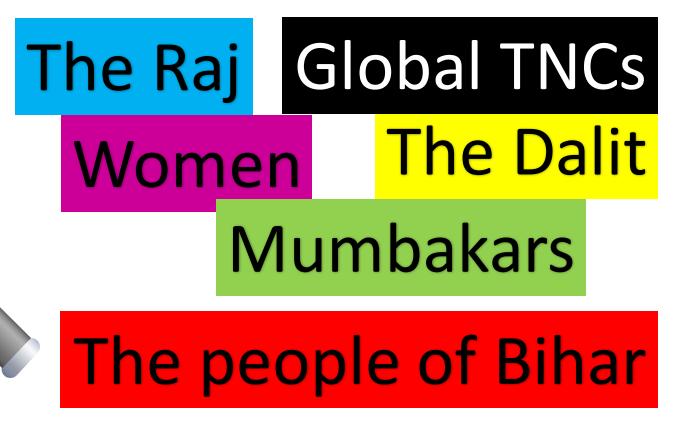
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Contextualising Case Studies: India



India viewed through the lenses of....



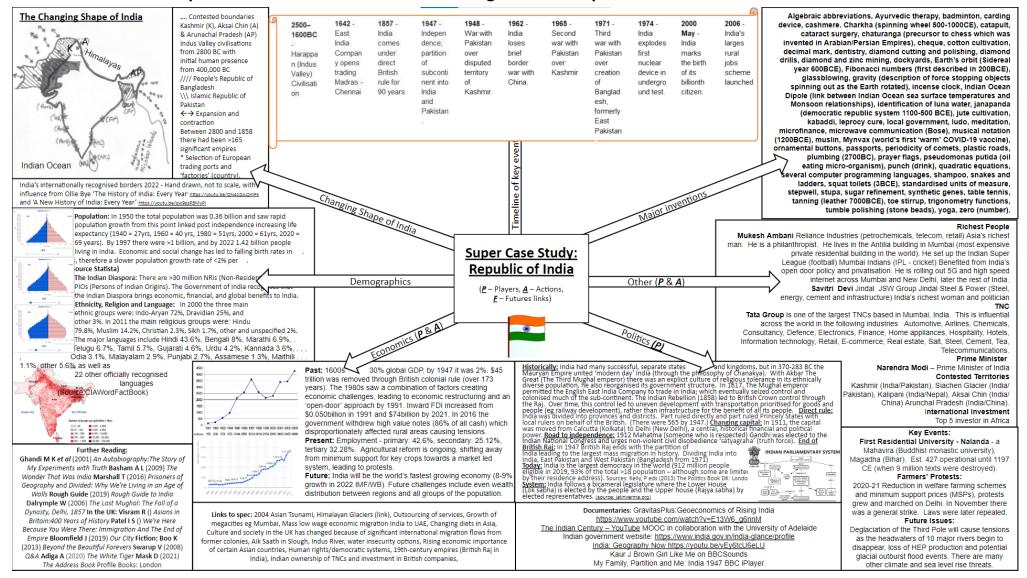


Different religious groups

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Super Case Study: Republic of India



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Giving space to marginalised voices

E.g. Birmingham/West Midlands – Benjamin Zephaniah no problem and money – capitalism's role in development and migrations

The British by Benjamin Zephaniah



History of migration in the UK Multicultural Britain – introduction to Birmingham migration waves... emphasise we are all migrants.



The British - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZ1yYOAwvvo

Including Indigenous Voices

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Our updated A level case studies

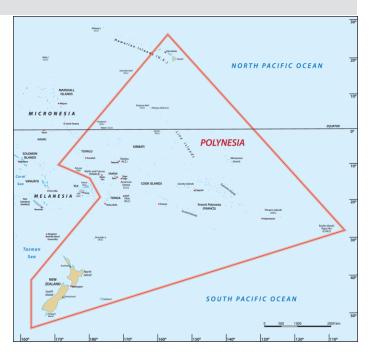
A level case studies: <u>https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/a-level-geography-place-context-examples</u>

- For A-Level resources we listened to feedback from teachers about their desire to have new, up-to-date place context examples aligned to the Pearson Edexcel A-Level Geography specification.
- We wanted the new place context examples to intentionally and significantly include perspectives of people who are under-represented and historically-marginalised.
- We worked with a group of new writers who are passionate A-Level Geography teachers from diverse backgrounds to give a fresh perspective.
- These place context examples are suggestions and not compulsory any similar suitable context can be chosen – but we hope that they will be useful resources that support teachers and students, and prompt lively discussions.

Tokelau: diverse examples

6.6 There are alternatives to fossil fuels but each has costs and benefits a. Renewable and recyclable energy (nuclear power, wind power and solar power) could help decouple fossil fuel from economic growth; these energy sources have costs and benefits economically, socially, environmentally, and in terms of the contribution they can make to energy security.

- Tokelau, is a small island nation consisting of three atolls: Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofo, in the South Pacific Ocean.
- Covering a land area of 12km and with a total population of 1,647, Tokelau is the fourth smallest nation in the world.
- 2012 made international headlines as the world's first 100% renewable nation.
- Tokelau Renewable Energy Project (TREP) 1 Megawatt (MW) off-grid solar system costing NZ \$8.5 million



Writing Tokelau's case study



Tokelau case study:

I wanted to centre the voices of Tokelauans:

- UN Speech transcripts
- Documentaries VAKA
- Government websites
- Academic articles/thesis
- IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency) report

VAKA - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZkIlu4DJUQ

Discussion

In your groups review the ideas shared.

- How could you use this in your classrooms?
- How easy would it be for you to implement this idea?
- What are the benefits to learners?

What next?

A teacher's toolkit

Sources of knowledge:

- New Internationalist
- Al Jazeera The Stream/Counting the Cost
- London Mining Network
- <u>African Arguments</u>
- Reading lists DG reading list.
- Blogs/twitter Academics
- Non-European newspapers and magazines online articles.

Further reading and research

Recommended reading for teachers and students:

- Aravind Adiga, 'The White Tiger', Atlantic Books (2012)
- Rohinton Mistry, 'A Fine Balance', Faber & Faber (2016)
- Arundhati Roy, 'The God of Small Things', Harper Collins, (2022)
- Peter Frankopan, 'The Silk Roads A New History of The World', Bloomsbury (2016)
- Dipo Faloyin, 'Africa Is Not a Country', Harvill Secker (2022)
- Astrid Madimba and Chinny Ukata, 'It's a Continent: Unravelling Africa's history one country at a time', Coronet (2022)
- Never take one book/story/podcast/clip as the only information, always combine sources to include multiple perspectives



Who we follow and reach out to

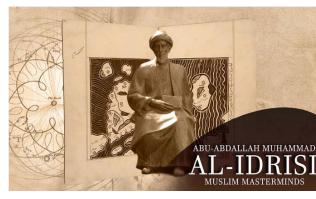
- Dwayne Fields FRGS @dwaynefields: Presenter, naturalist, adventurer, explorer, OS Get Outside Champion. Born in Jamaica, Dwayne came to the UK aged six.
- *Following with classes on twitter and looked to meet up with their adventure.*
- **Professor Christopher Jackson @seis_matters:** Faculty of Engineering, Department of Earth Science & Engineering Professor of Basin Analysis Imperial College London.
- *Actively using resources with Sixth Form*
- Harpreet Kaur Chandi (MBE)@polarpreet: Longest ever solo unsupported polar expedition and part of a group of women 'breaking the ice ceiling'.
- Nirmal Purja OBE @NimsDai: Adventurer, World Record Holder and former BSFS (first Gurka to pass selection). Active on twitter and insta, and has lectured at the RGS.
- *We followed his process with Year 7s as he climbed the 8,000m peaks.*



Things we are trying to add to our work



Abu Abdullah Muhammad al-Idrisi al-Qurtubi al-Hasani as-Sabti, or simply al-Idrisi إبو عبد الله محمد الإدريسي القرطبي الحسني السبتي Medieval Map maker





Matthew Henson Worked on mapping the rainforests of Central America, completing the mapping of the Greenland Icecap and he was the first man to reach the North Pole *Added to the curriculum*

The Dying of the Ice

Home Episodes



Reindeer Poets – links to climate change indigenous communities.

The Reindeer Poets

Andrew McGibbon explores the poetry, song and yoiking of the indigenous Sámi people who live across the Western European Arctic O 28 minutes - a region including Russia, Finland and Norway.





Among the Four Great Inventions, the magnetic compass was first invented as a device for divination as early as the Chinese Han Dynasty (since c. 206 BC), and later adopted for navigation by the Song Dynasty Chinese during the 11th century.



Any questions?

- Sign-up and we'll send you the materials from today's workshop
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