

# Welcome to Edexcel A-Level Geography

There are three pre course tasks which would be beneficial for you to complete and bring in to your first Geography lesson in September.

1. Think about how your life is influenced (good and bad) by globalisation: Culture, language, consumer goods, attitude, migration. Now answer this question: "Globalisation has made life more enriching." To what extent do you agree with this statement? (500 words)
2. Think about a place that is important to you; it could be where you were born, somewhere you visit on holiday, where you live now etc. Write a short of paragraph of 150-250 words explaining why that place is important to you, and what you think about that place (Consider positives/negatives, has it changed over time etc.)
3. Sign up and complete this course [Emergency Planning and Preparedness](#)
4. If you have not studied Tectonics previously at GCSE please spend some time working through this [Introduction to Tectonics](#).

Below is some recommended reading and watching. All links are Hyperlinked so you can just click on them. Enjoy!

Topic Name:	Topic Description:	Audiovisual Materials:	Recommended Reading:
<b>Tectonic Processes and Hazards</b>	Understanding tectonic hazards at an in-depth level and increasing disaster resilience worldwide.	<a href="#">Expedition Volcano (Episodes 1 + 2)</a> <a href="#">The Earth's Furies</a> <a href="#">72 Most Dangerous Places Into The Inferno</a>	<a href="#">Ghosts of the Tsunami</a> <a href="#">The Cure for Catastrophe</a>
<b>Coastal Landscapes and Change</b>	Understanding managing landscapes threatened by physical processes and human activities.	<a href="#">Blue Planet: Coasts</a> <a href="#">Sea Change</a>	<a href="#">Topic Master</a>
<b>The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity</b>	Exploring physical processes controlling circulation of water and managing water supply.	<a href="#">The Future of the Arctic</a> <a href="#">Living Without Water</a> <a href="#">NOVA: Poisoned water – NETFLIX</a>	<a href="#">Adventures in the Anthropocene</a> <a href="#">Topic Master</a>
<b>The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security</b>	Exploring the physical processes concerning carbon stores, and the impact climate change plays.	<a href="#">The Age of Stupid</a>	<a href="#">The Planet Remade</a> <a href="#">Topic Master</a> <a href="#">What will the end of oil mean for Geopolitics</a>
<b>Globalisation</b>	Assessing the impacts, inequalities and tensions that arise from increasing global interdependence.	<a href="#">Crash Course History Episode 1</a> <a href="#">Crash Course History Episode 2</a> <a href="#">Crash Course Economics</a>	<a href="#">Population 10 Billion</a> <a href="#">The Bottom Billion</a> <a href="#">Silk Roads</a> and <a href="#">New Silk Roads</a> <a href="#">When China Rules the World</a> <a href="#">The New Rulers of the World</a> <a href="#">The World is Flat</a>

<b>Superpowers</b>	Analysing the characteristics, patterns and dominance of superpowers.	<a href="#">There are no more global superpowers: what happens next?</a>	<a href="#">Prisoners of Geography</a> <a href="#">Shadowplay</a> <a href="#">Divided</a>
<b>Migration, Identity and Sovereignty</b>	Thinking about how increasing globalisation is changing communities, and how these changes are managed.	<a href="#">Ugly Delicious</a>	<a href="#">Factfulness</a> <a href="#">Worth Dying For - Flags</a> <a href="#">Histories of Nations</a> <a href="#">Bill Bryson</a>
<b>Regenerating Places</b>	Assessing the importance of place and evaluating the success of regeneration of these places.	<a href="#">Megacities of the World</a> <a href="#">City of the Future: Singapore</a> <a href="#">London Kings Cross: Reborn</a> <a href="#">Why Europe doesn't build skyscrapers</a>	<a href="#">Topic Master</a> <a href="#">Key Thinkers on Cities</a> <a href="#">Cities in the Classical World</a> <a href="#">Liverpool in Film</a>

### Massive Open Online Courses (externally provided)

These courses are offered by different universities for free as an introduction to subject areas or a fantastic way to upgrade your subject knowledge. Some will show you what it is like to study at degree level, while others will show you the breadth of choices on offer within the realm of Geography and beyond.

You will have to register to access these courses, but there are so many available that it would be an excellent way to increase your understanding with cutting edge resources and constantly updated case studies.

We'd love to hear which ones you find most interesting!

<b>Course Provider:</b>	<b>Courses:</b>
FutureLearn	<a href="#">Invisible Worlds</a> <a href="#">Tipping Points: Climate Change</a> <a href="#">Emergency Planning and Preparedness</a> <a href="#">Social Innovation in Rural Areas</a> <a href="#">Future Food</a>
The Open University	<a href="#">Can renewable energy power the world?</a> <a href="#">Changing cities</a> <a href="#">Unclear about nuclear?</a> <a href="#">Exploring philosophy; faking nature</a> <a href="#">The Frozen Planet</a>

**TED Talks:**

<a href="#">Vertical Farming</a>	<a href="#">Urban Regeneration</a>	<a href="#">Global Problems</a>	<a href="#">Rising Asia</a>	<a href="#">Nationalism and Globalism</a>	<a href="#">One Island at a Time</a>	<a href="#">Africa: Centre of Knowledge</a>	<a href="#">How Food Shapes our Cities</a>
<a href="#">10 Billion</a>	<a href="#">Protecting Cities</a>	<a href="#">Rising Africa</a>	<a href="#">Megacities</a>	<a href="#">Idolising China</a>	<a href="#">Hans Rosling</a>	<a href="#">Qatar: country with no water</a>	<a href="#">Which country does the most good?</a>
<a href="#">Fighting Floods</a>	<a href="#">Urban Spaces</a>	<a href="#">Africa and Sustainable Electricity</a>	<a href="#">The future of our coastal systems</a>	<a href="#">Security for the world's deadliest countries</a>	<a href="#">Gentrification</a>	<a href="#">New York: Before the City</a>	<a href="#">Bhutan: carbon negative</a>