

## Yr11 → Yr12 Transition Work: Geography

**TASK 1)** In order to be successful in A-level Geography, **you will need to do some wider reading/research related to the course.** Choose **one book from the list below** to read over the summer holiday. This list has been put together as a set of texts that will directly help you in the A level course. These books should be available in your local library – if they don't already have them in stock, libraries will sometimes consider purchasing a copy. Alternatively, you can buy your own copy (then you can highlight, bookmark, and annotate it for future reference).

**TASK 2)** Search “Edexcel A level Geography” and look through the [A level specification](#). Make a note of which specification points the book applies to. Write down any case studies or examples that would be useful to remember when you come back to those parts of the course in lessons.

**Optional extension:** Geography is a fast-changing subject. Do some additional online research to see if there any important updates / developments that have occurred since the book was written.

*\* If you are stuck for making a choice, the top six come highly recommended (but if something else takes your fancy, they are all good!)\**

Title	Author	About	A-level unit links
Factfulness (2019)	Hans, Ola and Anna Rosling	Development issues - how facts can help us to make sense of the world and be better informed	Health, human rights and intervention; Superpowers
The Almighty Dollar (2018)	Dharshini David	The book follows the journey of a dollar around the world	Globalisation; Health, human rights and intervention
The Power of Geography (2021)	Tim Marshall	Yet another excellent book from this author. Looks at impact of history, geography and politics on development of nations.	Health, human rights and intervention; Superpowers
Empireland (2021)	Satnam Sanghera	A must read to learn about the impact of Britain's colonisation and how this continues to affect people & places today	Health, human rights and intervention; Superpowers
Africa is not a country (2022)	Dipo Faloyin	Dipo Faloyin examines each country's colonial heritage, and explores a wide range of subjects, from chronicling urban life in Lagos to the story of democracy in seven dictatorships.	HHRI, Superpowers, Globalisation
When the Rivers Run Dry: The Global Water Crisis and How to Solve It (2019)	Fred Pearce	The planet is drying up. In When the Rivers Run Dry, Fred Pearce explores the growing world water crisis, from Kent to Kenya.	Water, Carbon, HHRI, Globalisation

The Future of Geography (2023)	Tim Marshall	Although this is a book about today's space race, it is also about the tense power struggles between the US, China, and Russia and what it means for all of us here on Earth.	Superpowers
Prisoners of Geography (2015)	Tim Marshall	How does physical geography affect the development and relationships of a country?	Health, human rights and intervention; Superpowers
Population 10 Billion (2013)	Danny Dorling	An in depth examination of the impact that a global population of 10 billion will have on the planet and how we will have to adapt to cope with it.	Health, human rights and intervention
The 32 Stops: The Central Line (2013)	Danny Dorling	A look at the impact of inequality along the Central Line.	Health, human rights and intervention
This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate (2015)	Naomi Klein	Naomi Klein, author of the global bestsellers <i>The Shock Doctrine</i> and <i>No Logo</i> , looks at the war our economic model is waging against life on earth.	Globalisation
The Human Planet: How We Created the Anthropocene Mass Market (2018)	Simon Lewis & Mark A. Maslin	An exploration of the science, history, and politics of the Anthropocene.	Health, human rights and intervention
Poverty Safari (2018)	Darren McGarvey	Causes and impact of poverty (in UK) and what we can all do to change things	Health, human rights and intervention, Regenerating places
The looting machine: Warlords, tycoons, smugglers & the systemic theft of Africa's wealth (2016)	Tom Burgis	Africa is rich in resources but not in individual wealth. This book investigates how trade impacts the continent	Health, human rights and intervention; Superpowers, Globalisation
The End of Nature (1989)	Bill McKibben	Looks at the environmental crisis caused by humans and the philosophical shift we will have to make to solve this	Carbon Cycle
Silent Spring (1962)	Rachel Carson	Originally published in 1962 - a look at how pesticide use has caused damage to natural and human systems	Carbon Cycle