

Yr11 → Yr12 Holiday Homework: Geography

TASK 1) In order to be successful in your A-levels, **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 often consider purchasing a copy. Alternatively, you can buy your own copy which you can highlight/annotate. [World of books](#) has cheap second-hand copies.

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: Geography is a fast-changing subject. Do some additional online research to see if there any important updates / developments that have occurred since your 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 very good reads!)**

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 about development	Health, human rights and intervention (HHRI); Superpowers
Material World: A Substantial Story of Our Past and Future (2024)	Ed Conway	Explores the role of physical geography, supply chains, and materials in the global economy	Globalisation; Carbon Cycle; HHRI
Prisoners of Geography (2025 updated version, or 2015 original)	Tim Marshall	How does physical geography affect the development and relationships of a country?	HHRI; 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	HHR; Superpowers
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 Cycle; Carbon Cycle; HHRI; Globalisation
Elemental: The New Geography of Climate Change (2024)	Arthur Snell	Analyses how the physical world and climate change are redrawing the maps of power.	Carbon Cycle; Water Cycle; Globalisation

Africa is not a country (2022)	Dipo Faloyin	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
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.	HHRI; Superpowers
A Life on Our Planet (2020)	David Attenborough	Attenborough reflects on how rapid population growth and rising consumption have transformed Earth's ecosystems during his lifetime.	Carbon Cycle; Water Cycle; HHRI
Shattered Nation: Inequality and the Geography of a Failing State (2023)	Danny Dorling	Dorling argues that decades of growing inequality have fractured the United Kingdom, creating deep social, economic, and geographic divides that threaten the country's cohesion and future.	Regenerating places; HHRI
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.	Globalisation; Health, human rights and intervention (HHRI); Carbon Cycle
The Climate Book (2022)	Greta Thunberg	A collaborative effort featuring 100+ experts on how to solve the climate crisis.	Carbon Cycle; Water Cycle; Globalisation
Environmental classic: 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; Water Cycle
Environmental classic: 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; Water Cycle