

Summer Geography Assignment

Geography in the Real World

This task will help you get ready for A Level Geography by developing the skills you'll need in September like independent research, using real examples, and evaluating ideas.

Choose a real world geographical issue and investigate it in detail. You can choose something that interests you from the news or social media.

Examples of topics:

- Climate change impacts (e.g. wildfires, heatwaves, flooding, drought)
- Coastal erosion
- Urban growth (megacities)
- Migration
- Water shortages
- Globalisation and inequality

Success Criteria

1. Describe your issue

- Where is it happening? (Use a map if possible)
- What is the issue?

2. Explain the causes

- Why is it happening?
- Include both human and physical causes where possible

3. Explain the impacts

- Social impacts (people)
- Economic impacts (money, jobs)
- Environmental impacts (nature)

4. Investigate the responses

- What is being done to manage the issue?
- Who is involved? (government, local people, organisations)

5. Evaluation (A Level skill!)

Answer this question - How effective are the responses?

- Are they successful?

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- What are the strengths and weaknesses?
- Could anything be improved?

Case Study Requirement

You must include one named place (e.g. "Bangladesh flooding" or "Los Angeles wildfires") with specific details, facts or statistics.

Your final piece

Choose ONE format:

Option 1: Written Report of between 500-800 words with clear sections (use headings)

OR

Option 2: Presentation of 5-7 slides that includes images, maps, and key facts

Top Tips for Success

- Use reliable sources (BBC News, National Geographic, documentaries)
- Beware of social media content which may be fake or not true
- Include maps and images
- Use real data (numbers, dates, statistics)
- Try to show different viewpoints
- Write in your own words, no AI writing

Challenge Task (Optional)

Compare your example with another place, or link it to a bigger idea like:

- Climate change
- Globalisation
- Sustainability

Deadline

Bring your finished work to your first A Level Geography lesson in September, or email it to me (butterworthj@bellerivefcj.org) before that day.