



Geography Independent Study Support

INDEPENDENT STUDY – Preparation Consolidation Reflection

Remember you should be studying one hour independently for every hour of lesson time. In your independent study periods, once homework and assignments are complete, you should complete tasks from the following list:

Preparation

- Refer to your curriculum overview and read the next section in the textbook and make notes to get familiar with the material for the next few lessons.
- Complete wider reading from Geography Review Magazine online on upcoming topics. These are available in the 6th form study centre but we also have access to these online via the Library portal.
- Other online articles/magazines/news reports are an excellent way of keeping up-to-date. Journals and magazines are a good way of keeping up to date. Some we recommend are
 - Geographical - <http://www.geographical.co.uk/Home/index.html>
 - National Geographic - <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
 - The Economist - <https://www.economist.com/>
- You need to be aware of current global events that are related to the units you will be studying; so watch/read the news each week. You can use Google Alerts or frequently check news websites:
 - www.google.co.uk/alerts?hl=en
 - www.bbc.co.uk
 - www.theguardian.com/uk
- We recommend you sign up to Guardian article round-up email alerts on geographical issues:
 - Poverty Matters (international development) <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters>
 - Green Light (environment) - [Sign up to the Green Light email to get the planet's most important stories | Environment | The Guardian](#)
- Speak to your class teacher about a wider reading list. A selection of suitable books are below, but there are many more. The Geographical Association also has an excellent reading list [Teaching Resources \(geography.org.uk\)](http://Teaching Resources (geography.org.uk))
 - Joe Simpson (1998) Touching the Void
 - Sebastian Junger (2006) The Perfect Storm
 - Al Gore (2006) An inconvenient Truth
 - Tim Flannery - The Weather Makers
 - Craig Leland Childs (2002) The Desert Cries
 - Bill Bryson (1996) Notes from a small Island
 - Joe Benett (2010) Hello Dubai; Skiing Sand and Shopping in the World's Weirdest City
 - Tim Butcher (2008) Blood River
 - Jonathan Watts (2010) When a billion Chinese jump
 - Khaled Hosseini (2008) A Thousand Splendid Suns
 - John Le Carre The Constant Gardener
 - Andrea Levy (2009) Small Island
 - Maria Lewycka (2006) A Short History of Tractors in the Ukraine (not about tractors, very funny fiction book!!)
 - Nicholas Crane (2007) Great British Journeys
 - Jan Zalasiewicz (2010) The Planet in a Pebble



Consolidation



- Reading your notes after each lesson in order to check your own knowledge and understanding. Identifying areas of concern is important so that extra questions/reading can be organised.
- Researching related topics and geographical issues on the internet and watching the news regularly in order to have topical and up to date examples to use within your written work. Examiners are keen to see topical issues discussed and referenced in exams and credit will be given to this if appropriate. For example, the ongoing debates regarding climate change or the growing influence of Apple in a globalised world.
- Completing extra past papers in addition to those questions covered in the lesson. These exam papers are also saved in the geography folder in teams.
- Annotate the unit overviews and summaries/PLCs provided to keep a track on what you have covered and areas that may require further independent study.
- Make use of websites such as Seneca, Get Revising, S-cool, Tutor 2U and Revision World to name but a few to develop your research further and add to your developing knowledge around the topics

Reflection



- Use Seneca to complete the online quizzes on earlier topics to keep this information fresh and to also see where further support and independent study may be required.
- Complete wider reading from Geography Review Magazine online on past topics as the magazine are always updating and providing new case study material. These are available in the 6th form study centre but we also have access to these online via the Library portal.
- Make revision mind maps or flashcards to test your knowledge on previous learning.
- Complete additional questions from past papers or the various guides. Your class teacher will be happy to mark these and provide feedback for you.