

Geography – Prove Your Passion

Below are some ideas for you to consider that will help enhance your subject knowledge.

- a) Read Bill Bryson's books about travelling around the World.
- b) Read 'Rulers of the new world' a controversial book about globalisation by John Pilger or 'The world is Flat' and 'The world is flat, hot and crowded' by Thomas L. Friedman which take a more positive look at this issue.
- c) Get involved in the Debating Matters competition to hone your arguing skills.
- d) Join the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.
- e) Get involved with a Fair Trade organisation.
- f) Regularly read a broadsheet newspaper. Take cuttings of stories relevant to Geography. Storms, earthquakes, volcanoes, poverty, development, industry, tourism, global warming, use of the earth's resources and managing ecosystems are all examples.
- g) Join a local environmental group.
- h) Join the Royal Geography Society and attend some of their lectures
- i) Listen to Radio 4 'Today' programme and look for other programmes with a geographical theme.
- j) Get in touch with the New Forest National Park. Find out ways in which you can help maintain this area of outstanding natural beauty.
- k) Enter a Geography writing competition.
- l) Subscribe to a Geography magazine e.g. Geography Review, Geography or National Geographic.
- m) Visit places of geographical interest and record your impressions/what you gained from the visits. Local places include the Jurassic Coast and The New Forest.
- n) Watch Documentaries on geographical issues such as 'The age of stupid' a film about global warming.
- o) Aim to become a subject ambassador.
- p) Mentor/support lower school lessons.
- q) Help/organise events at open evenings.
- r) Visit the Tectonic and Biomes exhibitions at the Natural History Museum.
- s) Join a campaign to bring awareness and change to geographical issues. Examples could include Greenpeace, Oxfam, Amnesty International, Friends of the Earth.