

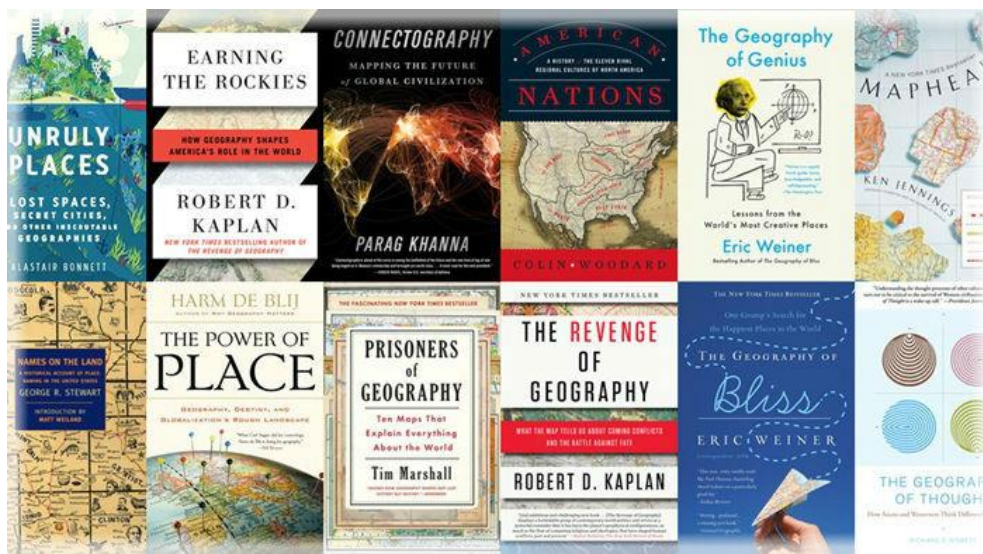
Mr Pugh and the team's recommended reading for beyond A level...



Tick them off the list as you read!

- ☐ **Bill Bryson – *Down Under***: Australia is a very intriguing country, it has lots of weird and wonderful features and is really on the wrong side of the Brandt line. I notice similar things to Bryson so I love his style of sarcastic writing. The book sums up everything I felt about Australia. If you have been to Australia, I would certainly recommend this book.
- ☐ **Bill Bryson – *Notes from a Small Island*** – If you have not been to Australia, start with this book. It is about the UK and again is as accurate as I think it can be!
- ☐ **David McKittrick and David McVea – *Making sense of the troubles*** – I grew up in the 1990s when Northern Ireland was all over the news. Some years later and after a visit to Belfast, I realised that this bit of the UK had a very troubled past but had done remarkably well to pull through to a destination of tourism. This book is manageable for a B grade and enlightens you into the geopolitics of the recent UK past
- ☐ **Tim Marshall – *Prisoners of Geography*** – A must read for anyone studying Geography in the 21st century.
- ☐ **Jheni Osman – *The World's Great Wonders*** – It may be a picture book and it may be lonely planet, but if you want to go travelling, then this really is a boss book to flick through. It provides a stunning insight into some of the best features of the planet.
- ☐ **Monisha Rajesh - *Around the World in 80 trains*** – A great book about a lady who quits her job and decides to head off on travels but only by train. I was a little worried that it was going to be all about trains, but thankfully, it was all about Geography. There were lots of links to places that we study such as China, Japan and Russia.
- ☐ **Bear Grylls – *Facing Up*** – When Bear was 23, he was the youngest man to conquer Everest. As someone who is interested in climbing, this is a great read. It makes you consider the challenges and process involved in climbing a mountain like this! I learnt a lot about the physical Geography to mountains.
- ☐ **Dom Joly – *The Hezbollah Hiking Club*** – Named for its catchy title, not its links to this military group! The book charts Dom and his two best pals trekking across the Lenabon Mountain Trek – it provides an insight into a country that needs tourism to recover from its military issues of the 1990s.
- ☐ **Alan Whicker – *Journey of a Lifetime*** – At a time when travel was all 'new', Whicker, a television celebrity heads off to some weird and wonderful places. He was one of the first and only people to visit Haiti under the rule of Francoise Duvalier (Papa Doc) – it is an affectionate look at travel of times gone by.

- ❑ **'Brick Lane' by Monica Ali.** Novel, Indian girl sent to inner city London by arrange marriage to a man 20 years older. Not knowing English she had to depend on her husband for everything which escalates her isolation. Big culture class book but also a powerful story of bravery and cultural adaptation as she learns English through her children.
- ❑ **'Watching the English' by Kate Fox.** Anthropologist looks at the unwritten habits and quirks that define our nation. Heavily debated by other authors as her idea of Britishness is quite white middle class despite being written in 2005.
- ❑ **National Geographic** magazines has some great resources and articles in them. They are easy to read and short for easy access and not too time consuming.
- ❑ **Colin Tudge: Good food for everyone forever.** This book really changed my thinking about farming and food related issues and how to feed the planet
- ❑ **Jung Chang: Wild Swans.** Novel about 3 generations in China. Great for understanding the background to modern China.
- ❑ **Vikas Swarup: Slumdog Millionaire.**
- ❑ **New Internationalist**, depending on the topic, is often also great for an alternative viewpoint (left of centre) on issues.
- ❑ **'Bones, rocks and stars' and 'ice, mud and blood' both by Chris Turney** these are great because they're so scientific and yet each chapter is a story and his writing is really enjoyable. Everything from Erik the Red to how we came to us our current calendar!
- ❑ **'Never eat shredded wheat' by Christopher Somerville** is a good little book if you want a fun way to learn about the British Isles...get up on your local knowledge!
- ❑ **'Moods of future joys, around the world by bike part 1' (and part 2!) by Alistair Humphreys** is a fantastic view of the world from a slightly different angle. He's a teacher and you feel like you get to tag along on his ride through some of the most amazing yet untravelled parts of the world.



There are also a range of geofiles that link to aspects of the course that you can access in the folder.

Websites

UK geography sites

- [Department of the Environment Food & Rural affairs \(Defra\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs) provides a range of environmental information, including statistics. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>
- [Environment Agency](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency): public body for protection and improvement of the environment in England and Wales, working in areas such as conservation, land and water quality. - <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency>
- [Living with Environmental Change](https://nerc.ukri.org/research/partnerships/ride/): a partnership of 22 major UK public sector funders and users of environmental research - <https://nerc.ukri.org/research/partnerships/ride/>
- [Office for National Statistics](https://www.ons.gov.uk/): UK Government body responsible for producing of a wide range of economic and social data and statistics - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

International geography sites

- [Encyclopedia of Earth](https://editors.eol.org/eoearth/wiki/The_Encyclopedia_of_Earth): Wikipedia-style resource specialising in geography and the environment - https://editors.eol.org/eoearth/wiki/The_Encyclopedia_of_Earth
- [Planet Earth](https://nerc.ukri.org/planetearth/): informative news site from the National Environment Research Council. Site provides a link to their free magazine. - <https://nerc.ukri.org/planetearth/>
- [United Nations Environment Programme](https://unep.ch/): access to UN environmental information. - <https://unep.ch/>
- [United Nations Global Issues](https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/global-issues-overview/): good introduction to key themes, with links to additional resources. - <https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/global-issues-overview/>
- [World Bank Development Reports](http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/home): access to international reports on developmental and environmental issues - <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/home>