

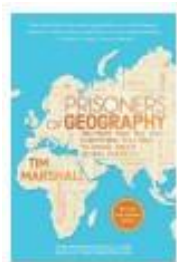


DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Geography

Recommended Reading List

Key Stage 5

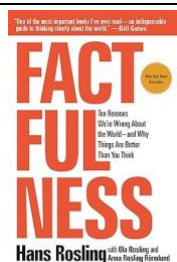


Prisoners of Geography – Tim Marshall

All leaders are constrained by geography. Their choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas, and concrete. Yes, to follow world events you need to understand people, ideas and movements - but if you don't know geography, you'll never have the full picture.

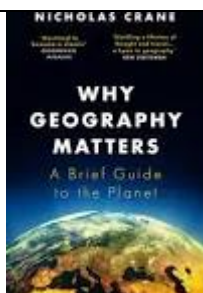
If you've ever wondered why Putin is so obsessed with Crimea, why the USA was destined to become a global superpower, or why China's power base continues to expand ever outwards, the answers are all here.

In ten chapters (covering Russia; China; the USA; Latin America; the Middle East; Africa; India and Pakistan; Europe; Japan and Korea; and the Arctic), using maps, essays and occasionally the personal experiences of the widely travelled author, *Prisoners of Geography* looks at the past, present and future to offer an essential insight into one of the major factors that determines world history.



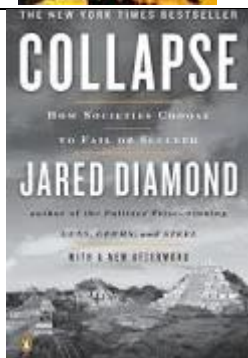
Factfulness – Hans Rosling

Rosling challenges common misconceptions about global development using data and statistics. He shows how the world is improving in many ways, despite media narratives. This book is ideal for geography students as it encourages critical thinking and a fact-based worldview, especially when studying development and population.



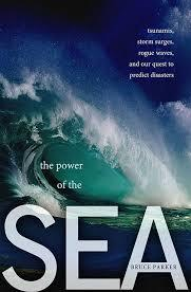

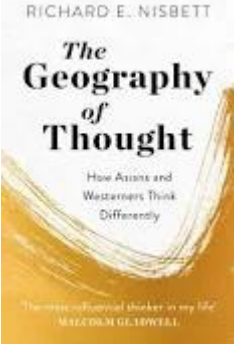
Why Geography Matters – Harm De Blij

De Blij argues that geographical literacy is essential in a globalized world. He explores topics like climate change, terrorism, and economic inequality, showing how geography underpins them all. The book is a call to action for students to understand the spatial dimensions of global issues.



Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed – Jared Diamond

Diamond investigates why some societies collapse while others thrive, focusing on environmental and geographical factors. From Easter Island to modern Rwanda, the book offers powerful lessons about sustainability, resource management, and human impact on the environment.

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|  | <p>The Power of the Sea – Bruce Parker</p> <p>This book explores how oceans influence weather, climate, and human history. It's a fascinating look at maritime geography, from tsunamis to tides, and how the sea has shaped civilizations. A great read for students interested in physical geography and environmental systems.</p> |
|  | <p>Adventures in the Anthropocene – Gaia Vince</p> <p>Vince travels the world to document how people are adapting to life in the Anthropocene—the age of human impact on Earth. The book blends science, travel, and human stories, making it a compelling read for students studying climate change, sustainability, and global development.</p> |
|  | <p>The Geography of Thought – Richard E. Nisbett</p> <p>Nisbett explores how people from different cultures think differently due to geography, history, and environment. This book is particularly useful for human geography students, offering insights into cultural perspectives and cognitive diversity.</p> |