

A-Level GEOGRAPHY

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For your Geography course, you will study three human and three physical topics. Below are two compulsory tasks for you to complete. One is based on one of the human topics and one is based on one of the physical topics.

Task 1: Physical – Natural Hazards

For A level hazards you will study 3 major natural hazards: Tectonic Hazards, Tropical Storms and Wildfires. Your task is to investigate and research the Australian wildfires of 2019/2020 and answer the question below.

'Why were the Australian wildfires of 2019 so devastating?'

Task details:

Choose any media type to present your research – magazine type article, video, booklet, foldable, PowerPoint.

You must include the following:

- Causes of the wildfires (including different viewpoints)
- Impacts – economic, social, environmental and political
- Management (include preparation and response)
- Response by different stakeholders – local communities, politicians, environmental groups.

Sources of information: Guardian newspaper, BBC

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/01/extreme-wildfires-reshaping-forests-worldwide-recoveryaustralia-climate/>

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/australian-wildfires/what-is-wildfire/>

Task 2: Human – Global Systems and Governance

This module looks at how our world is governed by organisations like the UN and the economic systems that produce our globalised world. You will study areas from Antarctica to Foxconn in China where your phone may have been made. Your task for transition work is very topical! Investigate the role of WHO (World Health Organisation) to answer the following question:

'To what extent has the W.H.O response to coronavirus been effective?'

Task details:

Produce a written report to answer the question above. You must include at least 3 pieces of evidence to justify your response. You could include the following:

- Who are WHO? What do they do?
- Why has Coronavirus moved so quickly around the globe?
- What is WHO's role globally and how do they direct each country on what to do about coronavirus transmission?
- What measures did WHO suggest? Have they worked?
- Which countries have followed their advice, and which haven't?
- The impact of WHO in specific countries
- Your own opinion on WHO and coronavirus – could they have done things differently?

Where to look?

The Guardian and BBC websites are a good starting point

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.un.org/en/coronavirus>