

# 1) Geography in the news

- Over the summer I would like you to look at the topics opposite and collect information you hear or see in the news.
- You might want to include newspaper headlines, a few sentences about a geographical news item, TV or radio program, any tweets you read or any other sources of information.

## Expectations:

- I am expecting to see a scrap book

## Sources:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
- <http://www.independent.co.uk>
- <http://www.theguardian.com/uk>
- <http://www.itv.com/news/>
- You may want to visit the TED website as you can watch 'talks' on a number of new and exciting Geographical topics. It's worth visiting the 'Global Issues' part of the site. [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)

## **Topics to include in your scrap book**

**Tectonic processes and hazards** - earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and secondary hazards such as tsunamis represent a significant risk in some parts of the world.

**Coastal landscapes and change** - These landscapes are increasingly threatened from physical processes and human activities.

**Globalisation** - Globalisation and global interdependence continue to accelerate, resulting in changing opportunities for businesses and people. Inequalities are caused within and between countries as shifts in patterns of wealth occur.

**Regenerating places** - Urban and rural regeneration programmes involving a range of players involve both place making (regeneration) and place marketing (rebranding).

## 2) Things to watch

**Watch at least one of the movies below and write a review and identify geographical issues seen in the movie.**

- An Inconvenient Truth – Al Gore’s Academy Award winning documentary about climate change
- Before the Flood - Leonardo DiCaprio works with National Geographic to highlight the plight of climate change.
- 11th Hour – with and produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, this explores solutions for restoring the world’s ecosystems
- Black Gold – ‘Wake up and smell the coffee’
- The Impossible – a terribly sad story following a family through the Asian Tsunami of 2004
- Hotel Rwanda – the tale of the genocide through the eyes of a hotel owner and his efforts to help
- Blood Diamond – starring Leonardo DiCaprio, this is the story of where our diamonds come from and the immense cost to human life
- Brassed off – A bitter sweet film that looks at the collapse of the coal industry and the Miners strike the impacts on a mining community.

# 3) Things to read

**You need to choose a book from the list below to read and write a book review for (450 words). You must include a 150 word summary, 150 word link to Geography, 150 word thoughts, opinions, questions you may have.**

- White Tiger, Aravind Adiga. An exciting account of India today.
- Call the Midwife, Jennifer Worth – fascinating tale of life in the East End in the 1950s, before the regeneration.
- Two Caravans, Marina Lewycka – A humorous tale of some migrant workers in the UK
- No Bad News for the King, Emma Larkin - The True Story of Cyclone Nargis and Its
- Aftermath in Burma
- Dance with a Poor Man's Daughter, Pamela Jooste – set in South Africa, explores issues of apartheid and the challenges of life in rural South Africa
- Blood River, Tim Butcher – a journalists' journey through the Congo
- Freakonomics, S.D Levitt and S.J Dubner – an interesting take on everyday economics (also a movie)
- The Map that changed the world, Simon Winchester – Looks at the impacts of geographical location on history and politics.
- Krakatoa, Simon Winchester – A look at a volcano that brought an end to an empire and introduced the world to globalisation.
- The Gaia Hypothesis, James Lovelock