

'A' Level Geography Introductory Task 2025

Welcome to 'A' Level Geography! In order to make the best possible start to the 'A' Level course I would like you to complete the tasks below. These relate to the Diverse Places / Regenerating Places Unit and the Coasts topics. They will help you 'set the scene' of the type of topic that we will be studying and will provide some invaluable initial research for your NEA - an individual project which comprises 20% of your overall 'A' Level mark. Both topics are popular themes for the NEA so this work has real worth.

Before starting watch the video linked below. What do geographers understand by 'place'? What does 'place' mean to you?

<https://timeforgeography.co.uk/videos-list/human-geography-research/changing-places-how-do-we-study-place/>

The Regeneration of St Helier

Please find a link to a BBC article and to a Government plan that maps change in St Helier:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cp8dr60rmzeo>

<https://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=5913>

- Note and record what the three key themes are for the regeneration of St Helier
- Make a 'case study / illustration' of one of the Masterplans / Strategies that are helping to regenerate the town e.g Waterfront development. As you do this, consider the following:
 - What are the **places** involved? (Spatial awareness)
 - Who are the **players** involved? (Individuals, groups, governments, organisations...)
 - What **power** is involved? (Think of governmental power, individuals, companies, pressure groups...)
 - What **possibilities** are there? (What may the future hold?)
- Who would be in favour / against the development? Why? Is the development appropriate for St Helier / Jersey? What alternatives could the Government have followed?

Coastal Threats

The link below will take you to a summary of Jersey's Shoreline Management Plan:

<https://www.gov.je/Environment/ClimateEmergency/JerseyClimateEmergency/pages/shorelinemanagementplan.aspx>

- Why is the plan needed? Think of your GCSE Coastal work
- Pick two areas which have been identified with differing levels of priority
 - Why is the area important?

- What is the flood risk?
 - What is the plan to protect these areas?
- All of these can be developed beyond the 'superficial' by following the hyperlink on the webpage
- Why might people have differing views on these developments? Who would be the winners / losers?