

RAISING YOUR GRADE IN GEOGRAPHY

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

All information on the specification can be found at:

https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/geography-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

UNIT 1

THEME 1 – LANDSCAPES AND PHYSICAL PROCESSES

- Distinctive landscapes in Wales,
- Landform process and change in two different landscapes in Wales/U.K.
- Drainage basins in Wales and the U.K.

THEME 2 – RURAL-URBAN LINKS

- The urban-rural continuum in Wales,
- Population and urban change in the U.K.
- Urban issues in contrasting global cities.

THEME 3 – TECTONIC LANDSCAPES AND HAZARDS

- Tectonic processes and landforms,
- Vulnerability and hazard reduction.

What Geographical Skills do you need?

- 1 O.S. map skills, including scale, four-figure and six-figure grid referencing and contour lines.
- 2 Describe patterns and trends, including those taken from data (e.g. maps).
- 3 Identify appropriate graph types and can give reason for their selection.
- 4 Calculate percentage change.
- 5 Calculate averages: mean, median, mode and range.
- 6 Include relevant examples in answers to support writing.
- 7 Create clear diagrams with annotations to help support descriptions and explanations of geographical processes.

UNIT 2

THEME 5 – WEATHER, CLIMATE & ECOSYSTEMS

- Climate change during the Quaternary period,
- Weather patterns and processes,
- Processes and interactions within ecosystems,
- Human activity and ecosystem processes.

THEME 6 – DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE ISSUES

- Measuring global inequalities,
- Causes and consequences of uneven development at the global scale and within one L.I.C and one N.I.C.
- Water resources and their management,
- Regional economic development,

THEME 8 – ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES

- Consumerism and its impact on the environment,
- Management of ecosystems.

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HOW CAN YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS TO AN A* LEVEL?

DESCRIBE

A band 2 describe answer would include a detailed description, using evidence to support the description.

ANALYSE

A band 3 analyse answer would include a good application of knowledge and understanding. Detailed analysis would be well structured and have a clear meaning.

EXPLAIN

A band 3 explain answer would include a good understanding and detailed explanation with elaborated statements. Answers would be well structured and have clear meaning.

COMPARE

A band 3 compare answer would include a consideration of both similarities and differences with developed statements. Answers would be well structured and have clear meaning.

TO WHAT EXTENT/ EVALUATE

A band 4 evaluate/to what extent answer would include a balanced consideration of both sides. A range of detailed and elaborated points would be made for and against the statement. If resources are shared, information should be analysed thoroughly. Answers must include a clear judgement through a chain of reasoning. Answers must be well-structured and written with accuracy, including clear paragraphs, punctuation, grammar and use of specialist terms where appropriate. The response must be clear.

How can I complete my NEA?

Your NEA is worth 20% of your overall grade. To guarantee an A-A* grade for your NEA you must ensure:

- You are an active participant in the fieldwork, collecting data on the day of your fieldwork.
- Your portfolio (folder) is well-organised.
- You present your findings clearly, using appropriate techniques.
- You write answers accurately, using specialist language, and correct punctuation, spelling and grammar.
- You draw clear conclusions of your fieldwork enquiry.

REVISION TECHNIQUES:

There are lots of resources you can use to support your revision including:

- **WJEC Blended Learning**
<https://www.wjec.co.uk/home/student-support/revision/revision-resources/new-blended-learning/>
- **WJEC Knowledge Organisers**
https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceSingle.aspx?rId=3461&_gl=1*13hyqtr*_ga*ODUyOTY3MTMlLjE2MTU0NjUzMjA.*_ga_WVT2ZYV72W*MTcwMjQ3NzYyMS4xMjUuMS4xNzAyNDc5OTEwLjUwLjAuMA..&_ga=2.218090325.2108725226.1702383284-852967135.1615465320
- **GCSEPod**
<https://members.gcsepod.com/login/>
- **Mind Maps**, using resources from your exercise books and Bitezsize
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zs8k4qt>