



Summer Tasks July 2019

So, you think you would like to study: GEOGRAPHY

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

Write a minimum of 1,500 words to answer the following question:

The natural resources of countries are more of a 'curse' than a 'blessing' for their people and environment. Discuss. (24)

You may want to consider:

- Type of natural resource.
- Economic status of the country.
- Distribution of wealth within a country (who benefits from the exploitation of natural resources?).
- Newly industrialised countries (NICs)
- Environmental consequences of using natural resources.
- Resource conflict.
- Impacts on indigenous population.

Hint – Discuss means that you look at both positives and negatives before forming a conclusion. Give evidence to support different points of views or statements.

Suggested Additional Reading:

The following web links may be a good starting point for you reading:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19926886>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-24396390>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-18516461>

You may also wish to read:

- Resource Booklet on the Springwood High School 6th form website.
- Environmental impact of resource exploitation and management – Geofile
- Quality newspapers – Guardian, The Times, The Independent
- Geography Review journal

Suggested Visit: Local library

Please submit the task, as well as a copy of the reading log, to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure on what subjects to study.