

# Year 10 Geography

**Curriculum Manager:** Mr Ebbrell

**Teaching Staff:** Mr Kavanagh, Mrs Parkinson and Miss Horridge

**Curriculum Overview:**

Geography in Year 10 we follow the Geography AQA Specification A syllabus, with pupils completing both human and physical parts of the GCSE exam course to prepare them for the Paper 1 and Paper 2 examinations in Yr11. There are three external examinations within this GCSE specification that will be all taken in Year 11. The course is content rich with a broad and interesting focus on topical and relevant Geography.

**Topic Studied- Term 1**

**Challenge of Natural Hazards**

- Distribution of hazards
- Earthquakes, causes and effects
- Living with risk tectonic hazards
- Extreme weather in the UK
- Weather Hazards – location
- Structure and features of Typhoons
- Climate Change – evidence
- Natural causes and human causes
- Managing the impact of climate change

**Topic Studied – Term 2**

**Changing Economic World**

- Solving city problems across the world
- Ways of defining development
- Human development globally and UK
- International strategies
- Case study: NEE Nigeria
- Changing UK Economy
- North – South divide
- UK in the wider world.

**Topic studied – Term 3**

**Living World**

- Scale of ecosystems and biomes
- Characteristics and features of TRF
- Management of TRF
- Environmental characteristics of hot deserts.
- Opportunities and challenges in hot deserts
- Desertification in hot deserts

**Assessments:**

- Term 1: Half Term assessment on Natural Hazards and end of topic assessment at Christmas
- Term 2: Changing Economic world assessment at Easter
- Term 3: Living World end of unit and Year 10 mock examination.

**Homework:**

Year 10 homework will be given out weekly and in most cases be available from 'Show My Homework', with a variety of tasks from self-assessing tests, exam styled questions, to knowledge organisers and research tasks.

**Other Useful Information:**

[www.bbc.co.uk/education/geography](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/geography)

[www.juicygeography.co.uk](http://www.juicygeography.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) (General revision of key geographical themes)

[www.s\\_cool.co.uk](http://www.s_cool.co.uk) (General revision and practise assessment styled questions)

# Year 10 History

**Curriculum Manager:** Mr Ebbrell

**Teaching Staff:** Mr Hastewell, Miss Ellis, Mr Norton, Mr Loftus.

**Curriculum Overview:**

Period Study: The American West c1835-c1895 &  
British Depth Study Anglo-Saxon and Norman England c1160-c1180

**Topic Studied- Term 1**

**The early Settlement of the West 1835-1862**

The Plains Indians: their beliefs & way of life, migration & early settlement & conflict & tension.

**Development of the Plains 1862-1876.**

The development of settlement in the West, the cattle industry, changes in the way of life of the Plains Indians.

**Topic Studied – Term 2**

**Conflicts and Conquest 1876-1895**

Changes in farming, the cattle industry & settlement, conflict & tension, destruction of the Plains Indians way of life.

**Anglo-Saxon and Norman England, c1160-c1180**

Anglo-Saxon society, the last years of Edward the Confessor and the succession crisis, the rival claimants for the throne and the Norman invasion.

**Topic studied – Term 3**

**William I in power: securing the kingdom, 1066–87**

Establishing control, the causes and outcomes of Anglo-Saxon resistance, 1068–71, the legacy of resistance to 1087 and revolt of the Earls, 1075.

**Norman England, 1066–88**

The feudal system and the Church, Norman government, Norman aristocracy and William I and his sons.

**Assessments:**

Assessments will be completed throughout the year and will include self, peer and teacher marked pieces of work. Half termly assessments will be based on GCSE examination questions and all GCSE examination questions from Paper 2 will be completed over the course of an academic year.

**Homework:**

Homework will be set once a week and may take the form of a literacy based task, research, examination question, revision or any other task that consolidates and extends learning. Class teachers will give one piece of homework every week via Show My Homework.

**Other Useful Information:**

To consolidate learning in the classroom students are encouraged to develop their historical knowledge and understanding by completing independent study. This could be completed on various platforms including traditional historical books and novels, websites such as BBC Bitesize, documentaries such as BBC Teach and feature films.