

Revision Tips and Tricks - Geography

Welcome to the Geography departments guide for revising and remembering key facts and information.

This guide is suitable for anyone from Y7-Y11 who is looking for suggestions of ways to revise and remember all the key information that you need to know in Geography.

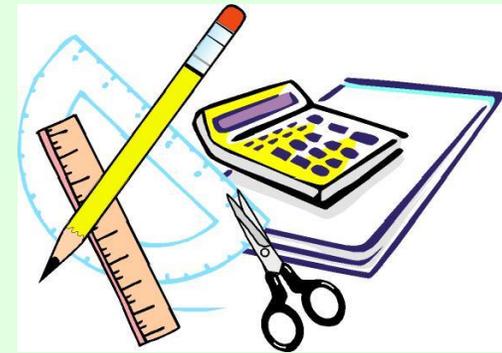
Remember – the best way to be learn is to be in all your lessons all the time. Be ready to learn and be interested in your subject. Revision should then be used to cement the knowledge in your brain.



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Tip 1: 'Be Present'

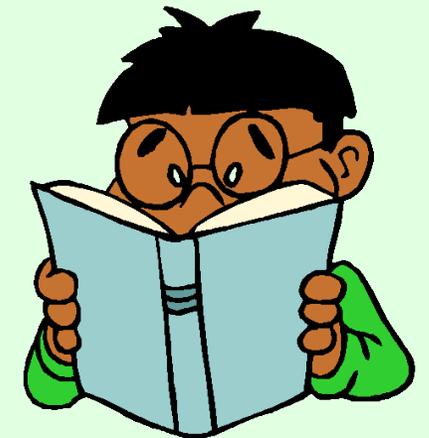
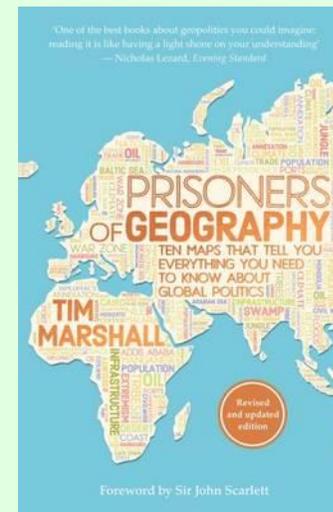
- Being in all your lessons (or as many as you can) is really important. This is where you will get information first hand from your teacher and be able to take part in learning activities that have been planned to help you learn new information.
- Whilst in your lesson you need to be engaged and ready to learn. Make sure that you have all your equipment and books that you need, time that is wasted organising equipment in lessons could be learning time.
- Being present means listening to the teachers instructions and paying attention to what you need to do. All your lessons are planned around what you need to learn so everything that is said in class is important.
- If you cannot make your lesson then you need to catch up on any missed work. You can do this by:
 - Speaking to your teacher
 - Checking SMHW
 - Copying notes from a friend's exercise book – but make sure you ask your teacher to go over anything that you are unsure of



Tip 2: Read Around the Subject

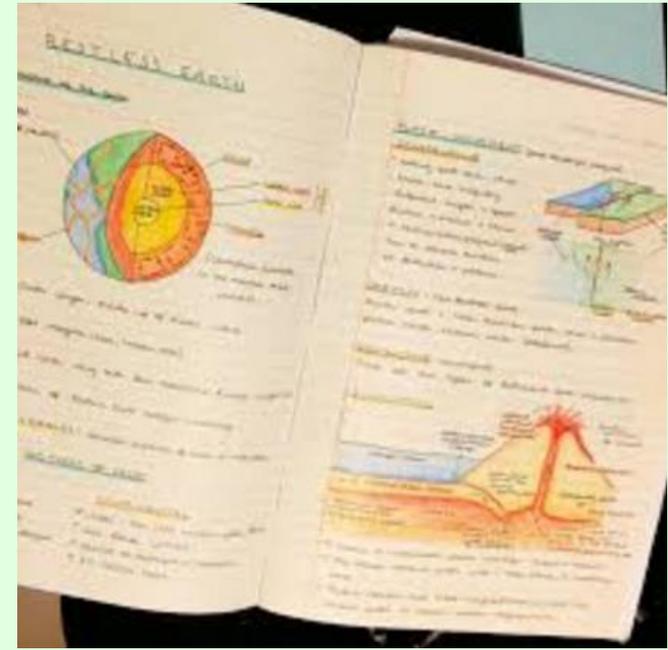
The pictures below are linked to useful websites

- Geography is great – it is a modern subject which is about the world around us. That means that there are things happening everyday that relate to geography.
- Reading newspapers / news apps are excellent ways to stay up to date with what is happening around the world.
- On the BBC website there is a science and environment section. If an earthquake happens they will explain what caused it or if the weather goes crazy they talk about that too! It's really interesting and will help you to understand things much better in lessons.
- There are also lots of books that you can read about Geography, they tell you how Geography has played a part in wars and how the economy of countries can depend on their Geography.



Tip 3: Read Over Your Notes

- If you haven't been set any homework for the subject, read what you have done in class that day.
- If there is anything you are unsure of, make a note of it and carry out independent research to see if you can understand it better.
- Find time to ask your teacher – away from class time- to go over anything that you don't understand.



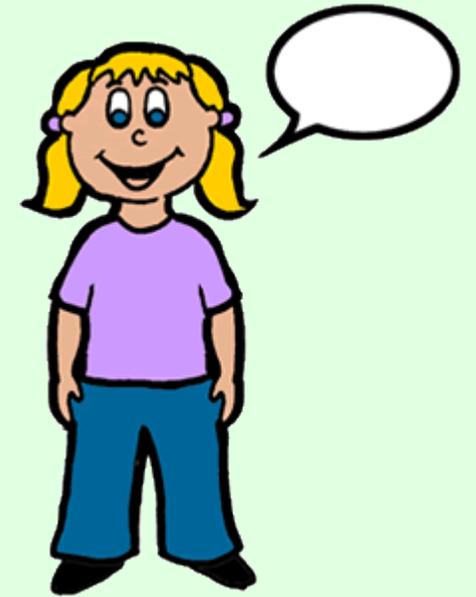
Tip 4: Post-It Notes

- Write down key facts on post-it notes and stick them everywhere! Good places are:
 - On the bathroom mirror – read while brushing your teeth
 - On the kitchen cupboard door – read while making a brew
 - On the wall by your bed – read while waiting to go to sleep
 - On the wall in the classroom that you look at most



Tip 5: Read Aloud

- Turn your notes into a 'play script' and take turns with a partner or small group to read them out in turn.
- Read your notes aloud to yourself in the bath
- Read your notes out to family members – in the car on the way to school etc



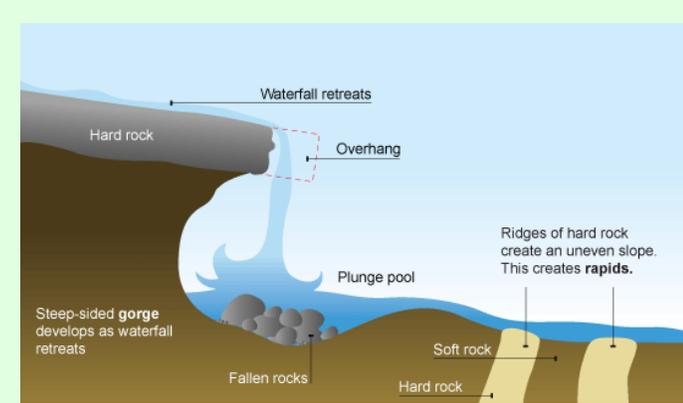
Tip 6: Present it

- Create a presentation about what you have learnt in Geography
- Use the presentation to 'teach' what you have learnt to parents / carers or younger siblings
- Ask your teacher if you can teach what you have learnt to them or to a group of younger students.



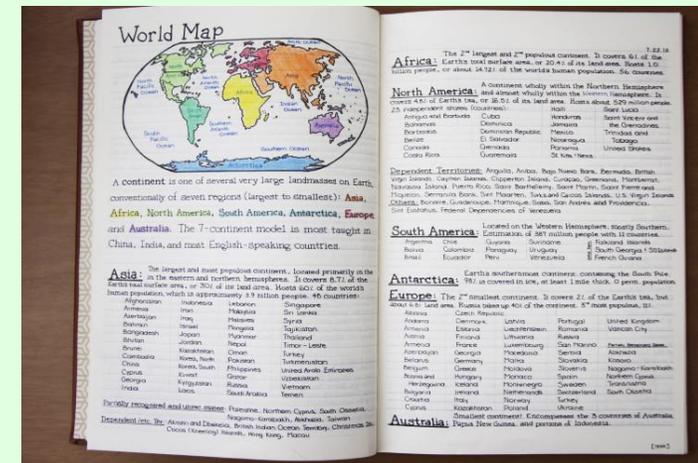
Tip 7: Diagrams

- Draw, look, cover, draw, check – Draw the diagram once, copying from a textbook / handout etc. Look at it for a few minutes, analysing what is included. Now cover it and try and re draw it from memory. Check your new drawing against your original. If you forgot anything then add it in a DIFFERENT colour.
- Try copying them from upside down. It forces you to look at something from a different angle and notice things that you might miss when looking normally.



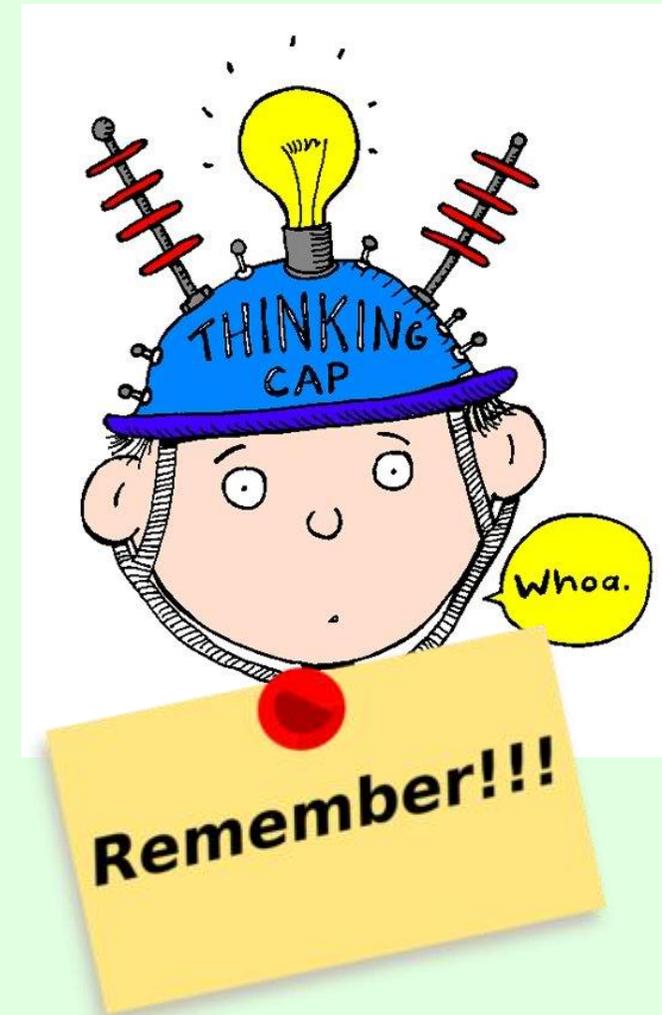
Tip 8: Presentation

- Make sure the presentation of your notes is neat and you are taking very care with spellings etc.
- Your exercise book is your 'bible' of geography – make sure everything is completed and try to underline or highlight key words – it will help you later!



Tip 8: Mnemonics

- Memonics are ways to remember things, there are a few ways to do this:
 - **Poems**
 - Never Eat Shredded Wheat – North, South, East, West (clockwise)
 - **Acronyms** – using the first letter of each word to create a new saying. E.G the stages of the Butler Model:
 - **E**xploration **E**dinburgh
 - **I**nvolvement **I**s
 - **D**evelopment **D**eveloping
 - **C**onsolidation **C**astle
 - **S**tagnation **S**ites
 - **D**ecline (or **R**ejuvenation) **D**aily (or **R**egularly)



Tip 9: Hot Seat

- Give your notes to someone else and get them to 'hot seat' you (ask you lots of hard questions!)



Final few points....

- Buy the recommended revision guides
- Use the revision PowerPoints that we upload on TEAMS
- Complete all class work and homework tasks
- Complete all the improvements suggested by your teacher
- Ask if you don't understand
- Attend revision / action support
- Use the exam websites for practice questions –
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>