

## SCHOOL CASE STUDY

**“It has really helped to break down misconceptions.”**



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We have been using Tim Marshall's *Prisoners of Geography* with our Geography A-Level class to enrich their understanding of the curriculum, putting what they are learning in the classroom into a real life context.

Like many young people, our students can struggle to understand parts of the curriculum that they don't have direct experience of and it's hard for them to relate to.

For example, through looking at Africa's network of waterways students understand that there is water but it is difficult to access it. And that the origin of the war in Ukraine is based partly in the geography of Russia's western boards, which have no mountains to defend the country.

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Its storytelling style really resonated with me when I read it and I can see it having the same impact on my students. Tim Marshall manages to break down complex geopolitical relationships into easy-to-understand chapters, without being patronising or simplistic.

Our school purchased a class set of 20 copies and have since used the book to explore core curriculum themes including globalisation, superpowers, interventions. We read a chapter together in class to cover key concepts and some students will follow up on their own out of class if a particular topic is of interest to them.

Many of my geography colleagues might have read it to enhance their own understanding but not yet shared with their students. I would really recommend introducing it to them and using it to unlock aspects of the curriculum they struggle to grasp.

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**To help teachers and students quickly find the sections most relevant to them, Clarissa has put together this handy mapping grid, matching core topics with the different A-Level specifications.**

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**Geography A-Level Mapping Grid for *Prisoners of Geography* and *Power of Geography***

Enrich student's understanding of the Geography A-Level specification with Tim Marshall's *Prisoners of Geography* and *Power of Geography*.

Many geography teachers are using these bestselling books to enhance their teaching of the curriculum as they help to build a picture of the wider world for students.

This easy-to-use mapping grid has been created for you to quickly find the relevant page numbers for key concepts and the corresponding exam topics, split by exam board. It is an editable document to give you the flexibility to add in your own notes and key topics.

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