

# Geography

**Books** • Powerdown: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World (2004) by Richard Heinberg.

- The Grapes of Wrath (1939) by John Steinbeck.
- The Great Thirst – Californians and Water (1992) by Norris Hundley.
- Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet (2008) by Mark Lynas.
- The Global casino (4<sup>th</sup> edition 2008) by Nick Middleton.
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (1974) and Smiley's people (1979) by John Le Carre – also watch the BBC's film series of these books, available on DVD.
- The New Rulers of the World (2003) by John Pilger.
- The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga (The Man Booker prize winner in 2008).
- The Debt Boomerang (1991) by Susan George.
- Fixing Climate (2008) by Wallace Broecker and Robert Kunzig.
- There is no such thing as a natural disaster ( 2006) by Chester Hartman and Gregory D Squires ( about the New Orleans flood).
- Richter 10- Taming the Earthquakes (1996) by Arthur Clarke and (late) Mike McQuay.
- Volcano – Nature's Inferno (1997) National geographic.
- Geography: An integrated approach by David Waugh (various editions). Excellent breadth and depth of A-Level content.
- Climate Wars: The Fight For Survival As The World Overheats by Gwynne Dyer.
- Here on Earth by Tim Flannery.

**Films** • Volcano (1997)

- Dantes Peak (1997)
- Earthquake (1974)
- Flood (2007)- a film about the technology in saving London!
- A.I. (2001)- Artificial Intelligence
- Water First- Reaching the Millennium Development Goals (2008) directed by Amy Hart. An inspiring story from Malawi
- Cyclo (1995) A Vietnamese film
- Tsotse (2005) a highly acclaimed but very violent film of life in black South African townships
- The Hunt for Red October (1990)
- When The Wind Blows (1986) a chilling cartoon

- State of the Planet – a series made in 2001 and presented by David Attenborough
- The Waterfront (2007)
- There will be blood (2007)
- Three Kings (1999)- a film based on an attempt to control Kuwait's oil fields
- Jarhead (2005) also about the Desert Storm conflict
- An Inconvenient Truth (2006) presented by Al Gore (Global Warming)
- Human Planet – 8 part BBC documentary series (2011) looking at human species interaction with the natural world
- City of God (2002) – Terrific film which examines life in Brazil's turbulent and often violent favelas.
- Blood Diamond (2006) – Political war thriller depicting the ferocious business of trading diamonds mined in African war zones.
- Wall. E (2008) Covers themes of Globalisation and brand power. Also, environmental issues depicted through scenes of a post-apocalyptic world devoid of all natural life.
- Children of Men (2006) – Themes of population and migration.
- Simon Reeve (presenter) - Various BBC documentaries covering both physical and human geographical themes.
  1. Equator (2006)
  2. Tropic of Capricorn (2008)
  3. Tropic of Cancer (2010)
- Slumdog Millionaire - provides an insight into the life of children living in the Indian slums the problems associated here. Also illustrates how they are trying to improve education to enable development.
- Erin Brockovich - a good film that presents the negative impacts of the natural gas industry and the extent to which large companies are prepared to go to, to cover this up. Not only would this be good for the AS Energy module but also globalisation with reference to the negative impact of TNCs.
- [The Revenge of Gaia by James Lovelock](#) - applies the Gaia hypothesis to global climate change - again an intriguing read which presents some interesting ideas and solutions to problems we are likely to face with population expansion and coming global climate change.

## Websites

- <http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/geography>
- <http://www.georesources.co.uk/indexalevel.htm>
- <http://www.geography.org.uk/resources>
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
- <http://www.edexcel.com/subjects/Geography/Pages/Useful-websites.aspx>