



Subject: Geography A-level (Enrichment Material)

Know It (Knowledge)	Use It (Application)	Stretch It (Development)
<p>Superpowers To identify what a Superpower is and what factors need to be considered.</p>	<p>Research the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA/Europe/China/India/Brazil. <p>Make a table with the following factors and explain HOW they lead to power:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population/GDP/military spending/land area/natural resources/cultural influence/main exports. 	<p>Look at Saudi Arabia and the UAE – could they be described as superpowers?</p> <p>Rank the factors in order of what you think is the most important in giving a country superpower status.</p>
<p>USA as Hegemon The USA was the most powerful country in the world – Is this still the case?</p>	<p>Many would argue that at the present time the US is the main power (the Hegemon). Research how far you agree with this? Do you feel US has lost power in recent times? How? Follow Link 1 (below)</p>	<p>Do you feel US has lost power in recent times? How? Follow Link 2 (below) Who is taking over?</p>
<p>Colonial Past The UK was at one time a world power...what happened?</p>	<p>Research how Britain took over a range of countries in the 18th Century – India, Kenya etc. What did it do? Make a table with What were the perceived and real pros and cons of colonialism:</p>	<p>What are the legacies of colonialism for India in particular?</p>
<p>The Cold War What was it? Who were the players? What impacts did it have on the world stage?</p>	<p>Research what was the Cold war? How did it begin after WW11? Research communism and capitalism as a reason for the war. How did it come to an end? What did Glasnost have to do with the end of the war? JC's Geog Support The Cold War Part 1 (YouTube) (watch 3 parts).</p>	<p>Is the Cold war really over? What evidence is there that USA and Russia are still not allies? Try to research some examples of wars in Middle East. Is Syria the latest US-Russia Proxy War? Now This World (You Tube Channel)</p>

Links to websites used in this A-level enrichment sheet:

Link 1: <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2015/03/whats-the-nature-of-american-power/>

Link 2: https://www.washingtonpost.com/gdpr-consent/?next_url=https%3a%2f%2fwww.washingtonpost.com%2foutlook%2f2019%2f04%2f04%2f uncertain-state-american-hegemony%2f



<p>The Middle East Why does the Middle East remain an area of high conflict?</p>	<p>Research what the Middle East Cold War is – Sunni v Shia. How are USA and Russia involved in the area? Why are they involved? What is most conflict connected to? (oil!!!) Follow Link 3 (below)</p>	<p>What are the issues in Yemen at the moment? What is the US involvement?</p>
<p>The Rise of China To what extent is China ready to take over the USA as the world's Superpower?</p>	<p>Research how China is a power and make a table with notes under the following headings: Military/Economy/Soft power/ Issues How far do you feel China is a threat to the USA? China and US in trade war: Follow Link 4 (below) China is investing in Africa – How and why? Follow Link 5 (below)</p>	<p>Listen to the following Podcast and make notes on China's power: Make notes on the One Belt One Road strategy: Follow Link 6 (below) (listen to the three parts) Research to what extent China's rise is a re-emergence.</p>
<p>Soft Power What is soft power? Why is it important?</p>	<p>Research how much and what type of soft power the countries above have. Why is soft power so important? Find some examples – film/goods/ music etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Nye - On Soft Power- Foreign Policy Association (YouTube) • Exclusive Interview] What is Soft Power? Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (YouTube) 	<p>Watch this TED talk by Joseph Nye on Soft Power How has power changed in recent times? Joseph Nye - Global power shifts: hard power, soft power and smart power – Joana Castro Pereira (YouTube)</p>
<p>USA and the coronavirus Impact of coronavirus on a superpower.</p>	<p>Follow Link 7 (below)</p>	

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Link 3: <https://www.vox.com/videos/2017/7/17/15983638/iran-middle-east-saudi-war-explained>

Link 4: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-45899310>

Link 5: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-51092504>

Link 6: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0009ryt>

Link 7: <https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/us-trump-world-decline-coronavirus-brazil-bolsonaro-a9430566.html>



Superpower Conflict Future conflict for resources in the Arctic.	Who owns the Arctic? How is the area divided? Find a map of how this is happening. What are the Russian doing in Svalsbard??? Follow Link 8 (below)	Why may this cold island in the Arctic cause conflict in the future? Why is SVALBARD the centre of the ARCTIC WAR? – VisualPolitik EN (YouTube)
Prisoners of Geography	Watch the following clips and think about how physical Geography impacts geo-politics.	'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall – it would be really beneficial if you could actually read this book, either on Kindle or a hard copy. It explains a lot of what we will cover in Year 13. It can be listened to as an audiobook!!!

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Link 8:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Russia+in+Svlsbard&&view=detail&mid=8C86466F1572CF14C4788C86466F1572CF14C478&&FORM=VRDGAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DRussia%2Bin%2BSvlsbard%26FORM%3DHDRSC3>