



SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

GEOGRAPHY Year 8

Create a fact file for three countries. Use the internet to find out as much as possible about the following countries: Malawi, Nigeria and Botswana.

Include:

- location map/flag/population details/development factors (life expectancy etc);
- economic factors – main types of employment for people;
- Cultural information – festivals/traditions;
- Differences in urban and rural places.

Use some images to illustrate your research.

Water Issues:

A) Research water problems in Malawi- why is there a lack of clean water in the country? How is the water contaminated? How is water collected? Who collects it? Why do girls not go to school as much as boys?

B) What are charities doing to improve water quality for people in rural Malawi? Research Water Aid and what they are doing- if you cannot find an example in Malawi use an example for another African country that also has water issues. Watch videos on Water Wells For Africa. Find a video about hand pumps. Find a video on filtering systems to improve water quality.

C) Find the video the Girl Effect- why is it important for girls to go to school? Write a paragraph to explain why education for girls is very important

Coltan: Research - what is Coltan? What is it used for? Why is it a BLOOD MINERAL? Research Apple code of conduct online and find information about their use of Coltan (also called tantalum). What do they say about it? Can you find phrases that are telling you the coltan is NOT from blood mineral areas or is the language used a little more ambiguous (vague.)

If your parents let you – watch the film ‘The Impossible’ with them.

Botswana: Find out as much as you can about Botswana. It is a landlocked country in Africa but it is doing very well! WHY?

Find a piece of music from one of the countries in the first activity. Investigate what you can find out about its meaning.

Find out some of the traditional foods of one of the countries in the first activity. See if you can find the ingredients and recipe and perhaps cook the dish with your parents. Make a note in your book as to what it tasted like!

	Reading task		Creative task		Watching task		Student-led task
	Research task		Writing task		Listening task		Trip or visit