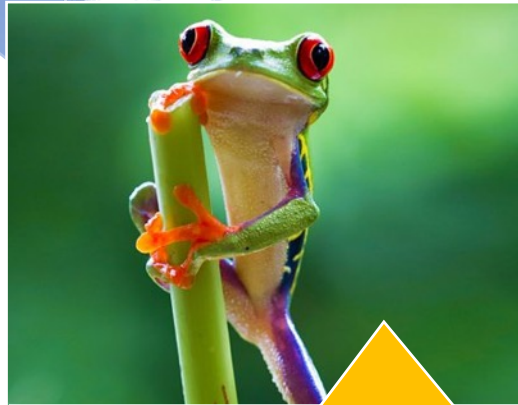


Thought Provoking Opportunities

Boost your understanding of the world and explore some of these fantastic films, books and podcasts



Top 3 to *watch*:



Planet Earth [BBC Documentary]

What is it?

David Attenborough celebrates the amazing variety of the natural world in this epic documentary series, filmed over four years across 64 different countries.

Where to watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b006mywy/planet-earth>

Pause for thought....

1. Which bits amazed you the most?
2. What are the threats endangering the preservation of such amazing natural wonders?
3. What could you do to ensure their survival?



Soul [2020 Disney Film]

What is it?

The story follows a school music teacher named Joe Gardner, who seeks to reunite his **soul** and his body after they are accidentally separated, just before his big break as a jazz musician. **Soul** is the first Pixar **film** to feature an African-American protagonist.

Where to watch: [Subscription Needed]

<https://disney.co.uk/movies/soul>

Pause for thought....

1. What is the purpose of life?
2. What's really important in our lives? ...
3. Why is being alive so great? ...
4. Are we all destined for something? ...
5. What makes you, you?



Alan Shearer: Dementia, Football and Me [BBC Documentary]

What is it?

The former Newcastle and England striker's investigation into links between brain damage and heading the ball in football.

Where to watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vMoDtIj_b8I

Pause for thought....

1. Is the evidence conclusive?
2. Why has this not been reviewed sooner by the professional sports body?
3. What adaptations do think should be made to ensure players safety?
4. What effect may these findings have on other sports?

Top 3 to *read*:



Brilliant Maps [Online Blog]

What is it?

A web blog that seeks to explore the world and those who live it through a range of different and exciting maps.

Where to read:

<https://brilliantmaps.com/>

Pause for thought....

1. Which facts amazed you the most?
2. What data would you present in a map?
3. What map changes your view of the world and how does it change?



The Land of Sad Oranges [Short Story]

What is it?

The Palestinian town of Jaffa is famous for its delicious oranges. The peel is thick, and keeps the fruit fresh and juicy for a long time. Ghassan Kanafani used the orange symbol to reflect the features of the Palestinian personality in this short story 'The Land of Sad Oranges', published for the first time in 1962.

Where to read:

http://www.nobleworld.biz/images/sad_orange.pdf

Pause for thought....

1. Who is narrating?
2. What do we know about the event he's describing?
3. What do we know about the family in the story?
4. Explain the symbolism of the oranges.



And the Stars Were Burning Brightly [Danielle Jawando, 2020]

What is it?

An extraordinary novel about loss, understanding and the importance of speaking up when all you want to do is shut down, from an incredible new author.

Where to read: [Buy the Kindle version or Free with Audible trial]

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Stars-Were-Burning-Brightly-ebook/>

Pause for thought....

1. What topics does this story cover?
2. How did the characters react in different situations?
3. What changes could we make in society to improve it?
4. How can we support the each other and the community around us?

Top 3 to *listen to*:



Royal Geographical Society with IBG

Ask the geographer [Online Podcast]

What is it?

Keep your GCSE and A Level case studies up to date with the latest geographical research.

Where to watch:

<https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/ask-the-expert-podcasts/>

Pause for thought....

1. Which case study do I most need to revise?
2. How can I apply this to my own learning?
3. What would an exam question for this case study look like?



You're Dead to Me (BBC Podcast) – The History of Chocolate

What is it?

Greg Jenner unravels the past (with jokes aplenty) – in this episode he explores the culinary and cultural history of chocolate.

Where to watch:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p091jtx3>

Pause for thought....

1. How did cacao become chocolate?
2. Why did it make it into our shops?
3. How would you market chocolate better today?
4. Invent your own chocolate bar – what would it look like? How would it taste? What would your advert say?



But Why [Online Podcast] – Why Do Things Seem Scary In The Dark?

What is it?

A show led by you, kids! You ask the questions and we find the answers. It's a big interesting world out there. This podcast tackles why so many people are afraid of the dark.

Where to watch:[Scroll to the 3rd podcast]

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/474377890/but-why-a-podcast-for-curious-kids?t=1611595300576>

Pause for thought....

1. What happens in the night hike?
2. How can your senses help you to navigate in the dark?
3. Why does it look like some animals eyes are glowing back at you?