

Subject	Year	Term	
Geography	9	Spring term 2	
Topic		Concept	
Do we live in a world of conflict or opportunity?		Risk and Resilience	

Content + skills (Intent

Prior Learning (Topic)

KS2 - human and physical geography biomes, vegetation belts, economic activity inc trade links, distribution of natural resources

KS3 at Balcarras - Sustainability of Balcarras and Charlton Kings (Year 7), Human Impacts on Physical Landscapes (Year 7), Climate Change (Year 8), Antarctica (Year 8), Population and Development (Year 8), Global Trade (Year 9), Tourism (Year 9), Clean Water (Year 9)

Students will explore a range of different geographical issues in the 21st century. They will develop their knowledge and understanding of the context of each geographical issue as well as evaluating the extent of conflict in each.

Students will first explore the reasons why conflict exists within and between countries, before focusing on conflict in Syria specifically. Students will then explore patterns of energy distribution and the concept of energy pathways. As part of this they will investigate the conflicts and opportunities in oil-rich countries, particularly within the Middle East. The third geographical issue will focus on the impacts of resource extraction in the Demographic Republic of the Congo to secure vital components in our mobile phones. The final geographical issue will focus on human rights around the world, with a particular focus on North and South Korea.

To conclude the topic, students will use their learning to write a fact-based conclusion of the extent to which we live in a world of conflict or opportunity.

Future Learning (Topic)

KS4 at Balcarras - Urban Issues and Challenges (Year 10), Living World (Year 11), Changing Economic World (Year 10/11), Resource Management (Year 11)

KS5 at Balcarras – Water and Carbon Cycle (Year 13), Global Systems and Global Governance (Year 12-13), Population and the Environment (Year 13)

Cross curricular – Personal Development, RE, Science

How will knowledge and skills be taught?	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded		
(Implementation)	(Impact)		
A series of lessons covering the key conflicts or	Regular marking and feedback from both the teacher and		
opportunities of:	their peers.		
 Energy and oil in Middle East Conflict in Syria 	Evidence based decision making response to decided the extent to which we live in a world of conflict or opportunity.		
Human rights in North and South KoreaMobile phones in DR Congo	,		
These conflicts will be explored over 2 lessons each. As well as evaluating the potential for conflict and opportunity in each context, they will also focus on developing students' knowledge and understanding of a range of places, often building on places that have been studied in previous topics of KS3 Geography at Balcarras.	Pupils will complete a guided reading homework task and a knowledge quiz homework task as part of the topic.		
How can parents help at home?			

Support with homework and revision techniques for graded assessments. Discuss current affair issues by watching/reading the news. Download the BBC or Guardian news app and set to environmental notifications to receive the most update articles. Watching relevant documentaries e.g. David Attenborough, wildlife/environments.

Conversation Starters:

The world will never be free from conflict.

What would you consider to be a constructive approach to conflict?

We should always upgrade our phone to the latest technology, it doesn't matter about the impact on the planet.

Which human right do you think is most important and why?

How might conflict hinder a country's development?

Helpful further reading/discussion

Pooding	Vacabulary Lists	Careers Links
Reading	Vocabulary Lists	
Gorilla Dawn by Gill Lewis	Fossil fuels	Jobs linked to themes within the topic
Illegal by Eoin Colder	Energy pathway	within lessons.
When Stars are Scattered by Victoria	Energy mix	
Jamieson	Conflict	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-
Prisoners of Geography by Tim	War	profiles/ecologist
Marshall	Civil war	
The Future of Geography by Tim	Opportunity	
Marshall	Migration	
Border Wars: The Conflicts that will	Refugee	
define our future by Klaus Dodds	Asylum seeker	
	Human rights	
	Rights of the child	
	Resources	