

Geography Suggested Reading

Geography is a diverse, exciting and incredibly interesting subject - it engages with a huge range of topics and is perfect for anyone who is curious about the world around them. One of the most appealing aspects of Geography is the breadth of topics which are included within the discipline. This breadth gives you the opportunity to cover an enormous range of topics while studying for a degree in Geography but it also means that you need to demonstrate an interest in a range of topics in your university application. In particular, it is important you demonstrate an interest in both human and physical Geography.

Books

1. **Planet of the Slums, Mike Davis.**

An exploration of the rise of slums as an urban norm. This book is an interesting challenge to dominant, western-centric urban theory.

2. **Behind the Beautiful Forevers, Katherine Boo.**

An accessible story chronicling the challenges faced by different groups of people in a Mumbai slum.

3. **Guns, Germs, and Steel, Jared Diamond.**

This highly acclaimed text explores the circumstances which led to Western civilizations dominating so much of the world.

4. **Questioning Geography, Noel Castree, Alisdair Rogers and Douglass Sherman.**

A collection of short, but challenging, essays on the philosophy of Geography.

5. **A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster, Rebecca Solnit.**

A fantastic account of human resilience in the face of disaster. This text engages with both the human and physical 'sides' of Geography.

Websites and Blogs

1. **Aeon Magazine: Nature, Culture and Ideas.**

<http://aeon.co/magazine/>

A weekly blog full of interesting articles relevant to a wide range of Geographical topics and debates.

2. **Geographical Association A –Z of Geography Blogs**

<http://www.geography.org.uk/resources/geographyblogs/>

This website is an excellent portal to blog posts and articles on a wide range of geographical topics.