

AQA Geography A-Level

3.3.4.1: Choosing a Topic Extra Notes



Choosing a Topic for the AQA A-Level Geography Fieldwork Investigation (NEA):

Line of Enquiry	Example
1. Look through the specification and find an area of interest to you - the topic does not have to be from one of your chosen units	1. If you are interested in hazards, you could investigate the success of flood mitigation and preparedness in a particular area (Hazards)
2. If you are going on holiday , consider the opportunities for conducting fieldwork there	2. If you are travelling to the coast, you could investigate the effectiveness of hard and soft engineering (Coasts)
3. Consider linking your interests or passions to the fieldwork	3. If you enjoy attending gigs or sports matches, you could analyse the effect of an event on the surrounding area (Changing Places)
4. If you find a specific area in the specification harder than others , completing fieldwork in this area could improve your confidence	4. If you struggle understanding the interrelationships between the Carbon and Water cycles, you could study the impact of woodland management in a local forest (Water and Carbon Cycles)
5. Examine recent issues in your local area , which may be suitable for an investigation	5. If urban growth is occurring in your locality, could you investigate the causes of this and its effects on the urban area? (Contemporary Urban Environments)
6. Contact local organisations and groups , who might already be investigating your local area. E.g. local councils or community groups	6. Have there been problems with water supply in your area recently? Which physical factors is this a result of and what are the council doing? (Resource Security)

The advice and examples above are intended as **suggestions only** and it is paramount that each student **independently chooses a unique topic** for their investigation

