

OCR Geography A-Level

2.0: Developing Individuality: Research, Focus and Title

Extra Notes









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

Line of Enquiry

- 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
 - 2. If you are going on **holiday**, consider the opportunities for conducting fieldwork there
- 3. Consider linking your **interests or passions** to the fieldwork
- 4. If you find a specific area in the specification harder than others, completing fieldwork in this area could improve your confidence
- 5. Examine recent issues in your local area, which may be suitable for an investigation
- Contact local organisations and groups, who might already be investigating your local area. E.g. local councils or community groups

Example

- 1. If you are interested in hazards, you could investigate the success of flood mitigation and preparedness in a particular area (Hazardous Earth)
- 2. If you are travelling to the coast, you could investigate the effectiveness of hard and soft engineering (Coastal Landscapes)
- 3. If you enjoy attending gigs or sports matches, you could analyse the effect of an event on the surrounding area (Changing Spaces, Making Places)
- 4. If you struggle understanding the interrelationships between Earth's support systems, you could study the impact of woodland management in a local forest (Earth's Life Support Systems)
- 5. If the effects of a trade deal is occurring in your locality, could you investigate the causes of this and its effects on the area? (Trade in the Contemporary World)
- 6. Have there been problems with food supply in your area recently? Which physical factors is this a result of and what are the council doing? (Future of Food)

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

