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Biography

John Hopkin is a School Improvement Adviser with Birmingham City Council. Prior to that he worked as teacher of geography and head of department in a number of Birmingham schools. He has written and edited several geography textbooks and has a particular interest in teaching about global geography, development and the environment.

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Quote

Geography is the 'world subject': it helps us develop knowledge and understanding of the world, and our place in it. Through its study we develop the knowledge, understanding and skills that enable us to grasp our common humanity and our relationships - with each other and the environmental resources on which life depends. By thinking geographically about the past and the present we are better equipped to imagine our possible futures. It should be an entitlement for all young people.

Taken from '*One of humanity's big ideas: why school geography matters*', John Hopkin and David Lambert, 2010.