Teaching about economic geography: ideas and resources

Reading for trainee teacher


Discuss with your mentor the different approaches to economic geography that are represented by the teachers in this chapter. How has this influenced how economic geography is taught in this school? Where do you stand?

Explore some of these teaching ideas and resources for economic geography:

- **Transport and logistics** includes lessons in such varied topics as supply chain (about Pret and Manger), internet shopping (Amazon) and humanitarian relief (an incident room simulation).

- These teaching ideas are based on the images in *A Different View*
  - Producers and Consumers
  - Thinking through images
  - Are we being taken for a ride?
  - The real toy story
  - Mr and Mrs Smith’s shopping list

- These teaching plans come from the Geography Action Plan
  - *You are what you eat*: Food production and consumption
  - *The geography of my stuff*: global consumers

- **Natural resources** a KS3 scheme for the 2014 National Curriculum from the RGS about global distribution and the international relationships these natural resources generate

- Trainee teacher information sheet: *Keeping up to date with subject knowledge: Economic Geography and China* – based on a GA conference lecture 2012

- **Where are the clouds located**, Teaching Geography Spring 2014. (This is an article about getting pupils thinking about location factors for computer data centres.)

- **The sweatshop production game**. Teaching Geography Summer 2014 – using a sweatshop production game in a scheme of work on global fashion

- **Crisis in a coffee cup** Teaching Geography Autumn 2005

- **Sustainable development**: a video using a chocolate game they involve the students in exploring the perspectives of different families and communities involved in the cocoa industry

- **Funky geography: student-centred learning, cutting-edge content and the demand for change** Teaching Geography Apr 2004

- **Made in...? Appreciating the everyday geographies of connected lives** Teaching Geography Summer 2007

- **Milking it: Small famers and international trade** – a website from Oxfam.

geography.org.uk/mentoring
• **Down on the Farm:** A video of Year 8 pupils making a farm visit.

• **Contested perspectives on fracking in the UK:** Shale gas and fracking and the potential economic benefits and environmental risks, Geography Spring 2015

• **Potential environmental impacts of ‘fracking’ in the UK,** Geography Summer 2016

• **Containerisation: The unsung hero of globalisation?** An article for post-16 useful to launch a discussion on globalisation.

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