



What is Geography?

Geography is the study of humans and people through space, throughout time, and how those spaces have shaped history. It's the "study of places and the relationships between people and their environments."



A panoramic night photograph of a coastal town, likely in the Azores, viewed from across a body of water. The town is built on a hillside, with numerous lights reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is dark, and the water is calm.

Human geography is an important part of geography. Knowing the relationships between cultures, and why they exist is vital in our increasingly global world.

So, you can see that geography is much more than just studying maps and knowledge of country capitals. It's about better understanding of global news and events, help fight climate change, be a part of a global community, understand cultures, and learning of history.

Why is Geography a vital part of the curriculum at Hampden Gurney?

1. Space Vs. Place Awareness

Studying geography helps pupils to gain awareness of a place. All places and spaces have a history behind them, shaped by humans, earth, and climate. Studying geography gives a meaning and awareness to places and spaces. It also helps students with spatial awareness on the globe.



2. A Global Community

Studying geography helps children to become global citizens. Pupils who understand geography and how it has made the world the way it is today have a higher likelihood of understanding our global interdependence and more likely to participate in the global community.

3. Nonfiction Reading Skills

Studying geography helps pupils to develop nonfiction reading skills — not only in the studying of maps, but also in the reading materials that are associated with geography. Geography often involves first-hand accounts, reading of research studies, and analysis of data sets.



4. Learn The Course of History

Geography puts history in context. It helps pupils see the why, when and how of what happened in history. Pupils learn history better by learning geography.

5. Travel Smart

Studying the geography of a place before children travel will help them understand and learn about its natural landscapes, cultures, and their influence on one another better, wherever they may travel to.



6. Understand Globalization

Studying geography helps pupils understand more about globalization. When companies go global, they are contributing to globalization. When pupils travel abroad, they are participating in globalization. Globalization is the process of cultures travelling globally and having an effect on others.



7. Global Interdependence

Global interdependence is the idea that areas of the world are all interdependent on one another. Each country, continent, and region depends on another for resources and peace. Those countries depend on others, and so on — we are all connected and depending on one another in some form.

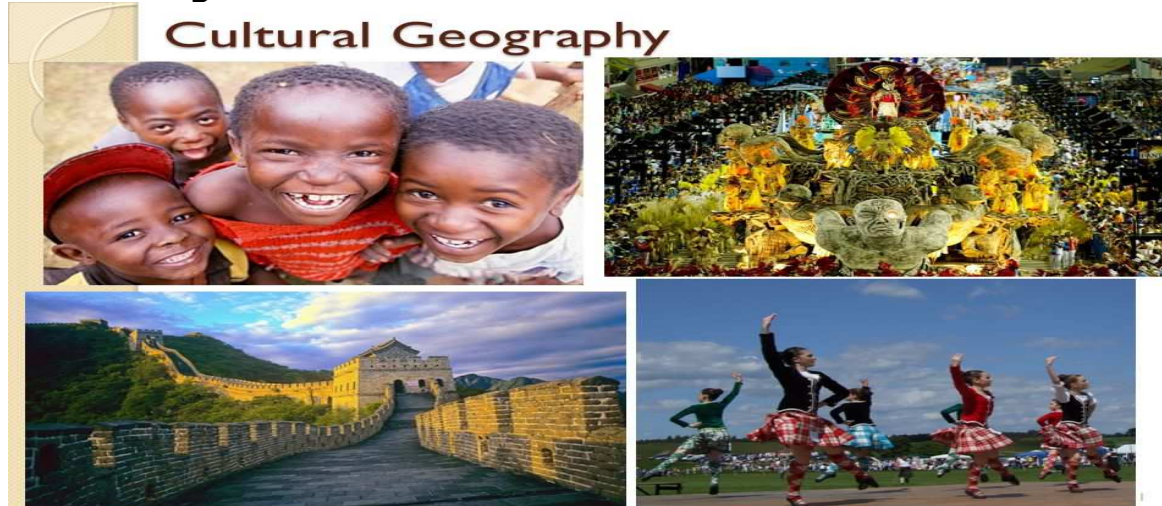
8. Putting The News In Context

Studying geography helps pupils have better understanding of current events and put news in context.

9. Navigation Skills

Studying geography enhances pupils' navigation skills, no matter where they are.

10. Making Sense of Cultures



Studying geography will help pupils make sense of and appreciate different cultures around the globe. Learning about land, resource availability, and how that has shaped a culture to be the way it is today helps them understand the uniqueness of a culture.

11. Influence of Geographers

Geography can have a positive influence in the world is by creating awareness of the effect of climate change. Geographers have knowledge of weather patterns and climate changes on areas of land. They study how these changes have affected humans and sharing this knowledge with others to hopefully bring an understanding and global awareness of the effects of climate change on human society.

At Hampden Gurney, we are committed to educating our pupils as global citizen who are conscious-minded of the world around them, understand others, and work towards making the entire globe a better place.