



King Edward VI Aston Wider Reading & Listening Ladder
Geography Department: Year 7-9



- Start at the **bottom of the ladder** and work your way up! Complete task 1 (red) first, and then 2, then 3, then 4 etc. all the way to violet at the top!
- For each task, choose something from the wider reading or listening resources list.
- When you complete a task, show it to your teacher and get them to sign your reading ladder to confirm that you've completed it.
- They will also then award anything that you've earned!

Level	Task	Credit	Teacher signature/date
7 VIOLET	Choose and read two or three books from the wider reading list about or set in the same place or geographical issue and write an essay covering the geographical merit of each book , and then comparing which you thought was the best and why .	Metal lapel badge, certificate and 7 APs	
6 INDIGO	Choose a book from the wider reading list. Read it and then complete a detailed research project on the place setting/focus for your book . Include a brief history, maps, images, GIS data, and a summary of what life is like in this place or during this event for different regions and/or groups in society ,	6 achievement points and postcard home	
5 BLUE	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to 2-3 episodes (write down which ones you listened to and how they inspired you), and then choose your own topic within the theme of the podcast to investigate . Write a 4 page script for your podcast episode—don't forget a catchy title!	5 achievement points and postcard home	
4 GREEN	Choose a text from the wider reading list. Read it and then create a detailed factfile for one of the places (if it's a work of fiction set in a particular geographical place) or issues (if it's a work of non-fiction). Set it out like a booklet and add as much geographical detail as you can .	4 achievement points and postcard home	
3 YELLOW	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to an episode , then produce a two page booklet summarising what you learned , as well as including additional research, images and quotes .	3 achievement points	
2 ORANGE	Choose a text from the wider reading list. Read it and then write a one page book review , commenting on the main things that you learned from your reading. For inspiration try https://www.goodreads.com/	2 achievement points	
1 RED	Choose a podcast from the wider listening list. Listen to an episode , and then write a half a page summary about what you learned from the podcast.	1 achievement point	



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Make sure that you write down which text/podcast you choose for each level of the reading ladder. Start with the red task and then work your way up to the harder tasks, all the way until you reach indigo!

Wider Reading list:

Title	Author
Paddle to the Sea	Holling C. Holling
A well times enchantment	Vivian Vande Velde
The Cay	Theodore Taylor
Sea Change: A message of the oceans	Sylvia Early
The Clan of the Cave Bear	Jean M Auel
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Mark Haddon
Lord of the Rings	J R R Tolkein
Desert Solitaire	Edward Abbey
The grassroots of a green revolution	Deborah Lynn Guber
Teaching a stone to talk	Annie Dillard
The grapes of wrath	John Steinbeck
The good earth	Pearl S Buck
The boxcar children	G C Warner
The Swiss Family Robinson	J D Wyss
DC: The new frontier	Darwyn Cooke
The Mists of Avalon	M Z Bradley
Planetwalker	John Francis
Reading the Forested Landscape	Tom Wessels
Roughing it	Mark Twain
City of Thieves	D Benioff

Title	Author
Geographical Magazine	https://geographical.co.uk/
The Arrival	Shaun Tan
Dust	Joan Frances Turner
Call of the Wild	Jack London
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis
The Countess below stairs	Eva Ibbotson
True Grit	Charles Portis
The Alchemist	Paolo Coelho
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
The Wanderer	Sharon Creech
The Collected works of T.S. Spivet	Reif Larson
Ten cents a dance	Christine Fletcher
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stephenson
The adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl
21 Balloons	W P du Bois
The Mysteries in our National Parks	Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford
Inkheart, Inkspell and Inkdeath	Cornelia Funke
Redwall	Brian Jacques

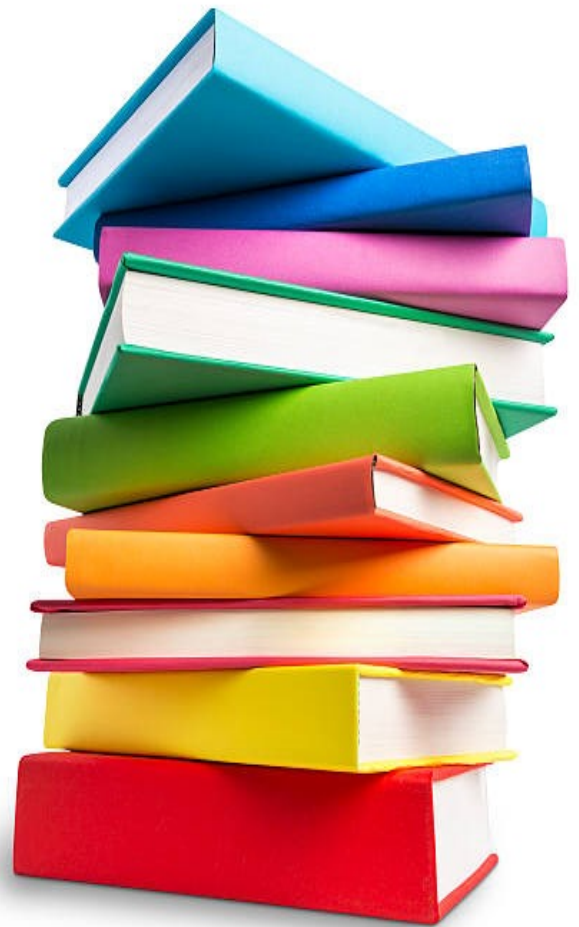


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Wider Reading list 2:

Title	Author
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Whirligig	Paul Fleischman
The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster
An embarrassment of mangoes: a Caribbean interlude	Ann Vanderhoof
Geography of Bliss	Eric Weiner
The heart of the world: a journey to the last secret place	Ian Baker
Erebus: the story of a ship	Michael Palin
The making of the British landscape	Nicholas Crane
History of Britain in maps	Philip Parker
Underland: a deep time journey	Robert Macfarlane
The Silk Roads	Peter Frankopan
The Atlas of Unusual Borders	Zoran Nikolic
The boundless sea	David Abulafia
Journeys in the Wild: the secret life of a cameraman	Gavin Thurston
Adventures of a young naturalist	David Attenborough
Our Planet: the official children's guide	David Attenborough
Journeys to the other side of the world	David Attenborough
Dynasties: the rise and fall of animal families	Stephen Moss
Endurance: Shackleton's incredible voyage to the Antarctic	Alfred Lansing
Atlas of improbable places: a journey to the world's most unusual corners	T Elborough & A Horsfield





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Wider Listening list:

PODCASTS—find on podbean, iTunes, or your podcast app.

These are just some suggestions to start you off. If you Google 'podcast...' and any topic from Geography there will probably be an episode about it!

David Attenborough's Life Stories https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00ylsr7/episodes/guide	National Geographic https://www.nationalgeographic.com/podcasts/overheard/
Geography ninja https://anchor.fm/steven-villanueva-last	80 days https://80dayspodcast.com/
A very spatial podcast https://veryspatial.com/	Top ten podcasts for Geography students: https://eternalexploration.wordpress.com/2016/01/04/top-10-podcasts-for-geography-students/
Isn't that spatial? https://isntthatspatial.net/	The City in the 20th century https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p005457r
BBC Physical Geography episodes https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl/topics/Physical geoaraphy	Plate tectonics https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008q0sp
Lava—a dangerous game https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b055q73y	Costing the Earth https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r4wn/episodes/player
Strabo's Geographica https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03zr11t	Political Geography https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00729d9/topics/Political geoaraphy
The Compass https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p035w97h/episodes/downloads	Antarctica https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00ss2th

