

A Level Geography – Year 13

Topic 7: Superpowers

Week	Lesson	Lesson Title	Key concepts	Independent Learning
				Student to complete as advised by teacher
1	1	What are superpowers?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the definitions of superpowers, emerging and regional powers - to explain the characteristics and importance of maintaining power over time. 	
	2	Superpowers and geostrategic theory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to understand that geopolitical power stems from a range of human and physical characteristics of superpowers 	
	3	How superpowers maintain power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To know the way superpowers maintain power with a deeper understanding of hard and soft power. - To know how to create a superpower index. 	
2	1	The rise and decline of the British Empire	Understand how power was maintained by direct colonial control during the British Empire.	

	2	The post-colonial era	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how and why patterns of power change over time. 	
	3	The cold war superpowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To understand how and why patterns of power change over time and can be uni-, bi- or multi-polar. (cold war era case study) 	
3	1	Emerging Superpowers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to define and explain the importance of NICs. - to consider how emerging powers, vary in their influence and that this can change rapidly over time. 	
	2	Will China run the world?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be able to define the process of neo-colonialism. - To be able to identify the mechanisms of neo-colonial control. 	
	3	Theories on development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examine a range of theories that describe the changing patterns of global power. (Dependency theory, Modernisation theory, World systems theory) 	-
4	1	Superpowers and the global economic system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to explain how superpowers are able to influence the global economy through a variety of IGOs. 	

	2	Superpowers role in globalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understand the global importance of TNCs and how they are influenced by global cultures and westernisation, as well as advances in technology and trade patterns. 	
	3	Who makes international decisions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider the key players involved in international decision and the various roles they play 	
5	1	Superpowers and the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To compare the differences in willingness to act on to reduce carbon emissions and reach global agreements on environmental issues. 	
	2	China and the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider how the increasing demand for resources has impacts on the environment. - Be able to identify links between consumer lifestyles and energy consumption in emerging countries and superpowers. 	
	3	Contested places – The Arctic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to identify and explain reasons for the potential and actual conflict over resources and their exploitation. 	
6	1	Contested places – The South China Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to identify and explain reasons for the potential and actual conflict over resources and their exploitation. 	

	2	Contested places – Russia and Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to identify and explain reasons for the potential and actual conflict over resources and their exploitation. 	
	3	Contested places – China and Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To investigate examples of how global influence is contested in political spheres - To consider the consequences this is having for people and the physical environment. 	
7	1	China and Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to understand and explain the potential for ties between Africa and China, and assess potential implications. 	
	2	Maintaining superpower status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to understand and give reasons for the economic problems that superpowers face, and the economic costs of maintaining this status. 	
	3	Maintaining superpower status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be able to create and justify a potential scenario for changes in the world power and economies over the next 20–30 years. 	
8	1	Assessment	Revision	
	2	Assessment	Exam	
	3	Assessment	Feedback and redraft	

