



Reading List for Geography

Checklist of Actions for Oxbridge preparation

- Complete the course and college research booklet which covers entry requirements for your course (e.g. admissions tests during interviews). Use it to help you make informed choices.
- Respond and maintain email contact with your OMS Mentor and do not hesitate to ask questions which may help your Oxbridge preparation.
- Read British broadsheets such as The Daily Telegraph, The Independent or The Guardian preferably every day (if not feasible, then at weekends). Think critically about what you have read; what issues are raised?; What assumptions are being made? What information is being relied on to draw which conclusions? How would you frame a counter-argument?
- Make note of subject-related terminology to look up definitions with the aim of working them into future academic discussions on your chosen Oxbridge course.
- Keep a "Learning Log". Note down (i) book titles/ articles (ii) author (iii) your thoughts, feelings and observations (iv) context and relevance of the book/article (v) whether you agree with what you have read.
- Record the names of the books you have read so far and make as many notes as possible on texts you read, including notes on your first reaction to them, on characters, on prominent literary techniques used, on narrative style, and anything on context (what was happening at the time the text was written that may have had an influence on it?) Also try to note what it is that you like/dislike about a text.

Recommended reading

- David Harvey - The Condition of Postmodernity.
- JOHNSTON, R.J. *et al* (eds.), The Dictionary of Human Geography, 4th (revised) ed. Basil Blackwell.
- BARRY, R.G. & CHORLEY, R.J, Atmosphere, Weather and Climate, 8th ed. Routledge, 2003.
- Without hot air, available online at:
<http://www.withouthotair.com/> - very approachable account of the physical limits of various forms of sustainable energy
- Collapse, by Diamond – Interesting (and popular) use of Malthus, though certainly a problematic text.
- Global Climate Science, Uncertainty and Politics, by Edwards, available at:
[http://www.climateknowledge.org/figures/Rood Climate Change AOSS480 Documents/Model validation/Edwards Climate Data Laden Politics SciCulture 1999.pdf](http://www.climateknowledge.org/figures/Rood%20Climate%20Change%20AOSS480%20Documents/Model%20validation/Edwards%20Climate%20Data%20Laden%20Politics%20SciCulture%201999.pdf)
- Time, Space and Causality in Geomorphology, available at:
https://webpace.utexas.edu/hudsonpf/classes/grg338c/schedule/fluvial_readings_2010/SchummLichty1965.pdf
- Hubbard, P, Kitchen, N. and Valentine, G. (eds) (2004) *Key Thinkers in Human Geography*. London: Sage.