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Reading List

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS – and human / societal responses

Whitley Strieber [2004]: The Day after Tomorrow – Gollancz
Joe Simpson [1998]: Touching the Void – Vintage
Douglas Brinkley [2007]: The great deluge – Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast – Harper
Sebastian Junger [2006]: The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea - Harper
Erich Krauss [2005]: Wave of Destruction: One Thai Village and its Battle with the Tsunami – VISION paperbacks
Mike Davis [1998]: Ecology of Fear – Vintage
James Lovelock [1979]: Gaia, a new look at life on Earth – OUP; [2006]: The Revenge of Gaia – Penguin
James Lovelock [2010]: The Vanishing Face of Gaia; A final warning - Basic Books
Al Gore [2006]: An Inconvenient Truth –Bloomsbury
David Alexander [1993]: Natural Disasters - CRC Press
Tim Flannery [2007]: The Weather Makers - Penguin
Stanley Williams [2001]: Surviving Galeras - Little, Brown and Company
Richard Girling [2008]: Sea Change: Britain's Coastal Catastrophe - Eden Project Books
Simon Winchester [2004]: Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883
Simon Winchester [2006]: A Crack in the Edge of the World: The Great American Earthquake of 1906
Mark Lynas [2008]: Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet
George Monbiot [2007]: Heat: How We Can Stop the Planet Burning
Bjorn Lomborg [2003]: The Skeptical Environmentalist - CUP
Bjorn Lomborg [2009]: Cool it: The sceptical environmentalist's guide to global warming
Gavin Pretor Pinney [2007]: The Cloudspotter's Guide
Craig Leland Childs [2002]: The Desert Cries

Here is a list of fact and fiction books that will help you get a feel for the places, people and issues that we study. These books are not directly related to the content of the course but offer a broader understanding of themes taught, you should use them as part of your extra/wider reading.

David McCollough [1984]: The Johnstown Flood - Touchstone Books
Brice Hiscock [2000]: The Big Storm - Aladdin Picture Books
Ian Stewart & John Lynch [2007]: Earth – The Power of the Planet - BBC Books
Ian Stewart [2004]: Journeys from the Centre of the Earth - Century
Dave Eggers [2009]: Zeitoun – Penguin
David King & Gabrielle Walker (2009): The Hot Topic: How to Tackle Global Warming..... - Bloomsbury.
Elizabeth Kolbert [2006]: Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change - Bloomsbury
Martin Rees [2003]: Our Final Century Will Civilisation Survive the Twenty First Century? - Arrow Books
James Hansen [2009]: Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth About the Coming Climate Catastrophe - Bloomsbury
Elizabeth Kolbert [2007]: Field Notes From a Catastrophe A Frontline Report on Climate Change - Bloomsbury
Mark Lynas [2004]: High Tide News from a Warming World - Flamingo
Robert Does [2006]: Extreme Floods A History in a Changing Climate - Sutton Publishing
Stephen Halliday [2004]: Water A Turbulent History - The History Press
Brian M Fagan [2001]: The Little Ice Age: How Climate made History 1300-1850 – Basic Books

GLOBAL ISSUES

John Berger [2000]: Lilac and Flag – Bloomsbury Publishing [*and the others in the trilogy*]
Tim Butcher [2008]: Blood River - Vintage
Joseph Conrad [2007]: Heart of Darkness – Penguin
Ma Jian [2002]: Red Dust –Vintage
Patrick French [2011]: India. A Portrait - Allen Lane
Ma Jian [2009]: Beijing Coma - Vintage

Eric Schlosser [2002]: Fast Food Nation: What the All American Meal is Doing to the World - Penguin
 Duncan Hewitt [2007]: Getting Rich First – Chatto & Windus
 Jung Chiang [2004]: Wild Swans – Harper Perennial
 Tony Parsons [2008]: My Favourite Wife – Harper
 Dave Gorman [2008]: America Unchained – Ebury Press
 P D James [2010]: Children of Men – Faber & Faber
 Jonathan Watts [2010]: When a Billion Chinese Jump – Faber & Faber
 Joe Bennett [2010]: Where Underpants Come From: From Checkout to Cotton Field – Travels Through the New China – Profile Books.
 Khaled Hosseini [2008]: A Thousand Splendid Suns - Bloomsbury Press
 Khaled Hosseini [2004]: The Kite Runner - Bloomsbury Press
 John Le Carre [2006]: The Constant Gardener – Sceptre
 Mark Edwards [2009]: Hard Rain – Hardrainproject
 Richard Wrangham [2010]: Catching Fire: How Cooking Made Us Human – Profile Books
 Fred Pearce [2009]: Confessions of an Eco Sinner: Travels to Where My Stuff Comes From – Eden Project Books
 Fred Pearce [2007]: When the Rivers Run Dry: What happens When Our Water Runs Out? – Eden Project Books
 Fred Pearce [2010] People Quake: Mass Migration, Ageing nations and the Coming Population Crash – Eden Project
 Mike Berners-Lee [2010]: How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything – Profile Books
 Charles Clover [2005]: The End of the Line. How Overfishing is Changing The World and What We Eat - Ebury Press.
 Michael Braungart [2009]: Cradle to Cradle – Vintage
 Stewart Lee Allen [2003]: In the Devil's Garden: A Sinful History of Forbidden Food - Ballantine Books.
 Richard Girling [2005]: Rubbish! Dirt on Our Hands and Crisis Ahead – Eden Project Books
 Mark Kurlansky [2009]: The Last Fish Tale - Jonathan Cape
 Nicolas Stern: [2009]: A Blueprint for a Safer Planet - Bodley Head

COASTS, LANDSCAPES, COUNTRYSIDE, GEOLOGY

Nicholas Crane [2007]: Great British Journeys - Phoenix

Nicholas Crane [2010]: Coast: Our Island Story: A Journey of Discovery Around Britain's Coastline - BBC Books
 Alan Titchmarsh [2004]: British Isles: A Natural History - BBC Books; Reprint edition
 Alan Titchmarsh [2007]: The Nature of Britain - BBC Books
 John Craven [2010]: John Craven's Countryfile Handbook - BBC Books
 Ian Vince [2011]: The Lie of the land: The explosive story of how Britain was formed – Pan
 Ian Vince [2010]: The Lie of the Land: An under the field guide to the British Isles - Boxtree
 Richard Fortey [2010]: The Hidden landscape: A Journey into the Geological Past - Bodley Head
 Francis Pryor [2010]: The Making of the British Landscape: How we have transformed the land etc... - Allen Lane
 Clive Aslet [2010]: Villages of Britain: the Five Hundred Villages that made the Countryside - Bloomsbury
 David McKie [2010]: McKie's Gazetteer: A Local History of Britain – Atlantic Books
 David McKie [2007]: Great Bus Journeys: Travels Through Unfamous Places - Atlantic Books
 Bill Bryson [2006]: Notes from a Small Island - John Murray; New edition
 Joe Moran [2010]: On Roads: A Hidden History - Profile Books
 Dorrik Stow [2010]: Vanished Ocean – OUP
 Doug Macdougall [2006]: Frozen Earth: the One and Future Story of Ice Ages - University of California Press
 David Beerling [2008]: The Emerald Planet: How plants changed Earth's history – OUP
 Jan Zalasiewicz [2010]: The Planet in a Pebble: A journey into Earth's deep history – OUP

TRADE AND GLOBALISATION

Alan Beattie [2009]: False Economy. A Surprising Economic History of the World - Penguin
 PJO Rourke [2008]: On the Wealth of Nations. Adam Smith's Book that Changed the World - Atlantic Books
 Kelsey Timmerman [2010]: Where am I Wearing ? A Global Tour to the Counties, Factories, and People that Make Our Clothes – John Wiley & Sons
 Piertra Rivoli [2009]: The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade – John Wiley & Sons.
 Eduardo Galeano [2001]: The World Upside Down. A Primer for the Looking Glass World - Picador
 Eduardo Galeano [2009]: Mirrors: Stories of Almost Everyone - Nation Book

William Bernstein [2009]: A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World – Atlantic Books.

Antony Wild [2010]: Black Gold: The Dark History of Coffee – Harper Perennial

Ian Gately [2009]: Drink: A Cultural History of Alcohol – Gotham Books

Sophie D. Coe [2003]: The True History of Chocolate – Thames & Hudson

Mathew Hart [2001]: Diamond. The History of a Cold Blooded Affair - Fourth Estate

Barbara Freese [2003]: Coal. A Human History - Arrow Books

Stuart Lee Allen [1999]: The Devil's Cup Coffee, The Driving Force in History - Canongate

Hattie Ellis [2007]: Planet Chicken. The Shameful Story of the Bird on Our Plate - Sceptre

Carol Helstosky [2008]: Pizza. A Global History - Reaktion Books

John Griffith [2007]: Tea: The Drink That Changed the World. Andre Deutsch

John Reader [2009]: The Untold Story of the Potato – Vintage.

Mark Kurlandsky [2003]: Salt. A World History - Penguin

Mark Kurlansky [1998]: Cod. The Biography of the Fish that Changed the World – Penguin

Elizabeth Abbott [2010]: Sugar: A Bittersweet History – Gerald Duckworth

Mark Kurlansky [2007]: The Big Oyster. History on the Half Shell - Random House

Andrew Simms [2007]: Tescopoly – how one shop came out on top and why it matters – Constable

Gavin Weightman [2010]: The Frozen Water Trade - Harper Collins.

Timothy Brooks [2009]: Vermeer's hat: the seventeenth century and the dawn of the world - Profile Books.

John Darwin [2008]: After Tamerlane: the Rise and Fall of Global Empires, 1400-2000 – Penguin

Tom Standage [2007]: A History of the World in Six Glasses - Atlantic Books

Tom Standage [2010]: An Edible History of Humanity - Atlantic Books.

Ken Auletta [2010]: Googled: The End of the World As We Know It – Virgin

Randall E. Stross [2010]: Planet Google: How One Company Is Changing Our Lives- Atlantic Books

Ernest Gallenbach [1975]: Ecotopia. The Notebooks and Reports of William Weston - Bantam Books

Bruce Parry [2009]: Amazon - Penguin

Christopher Somerville [2010]: Never Eat Shredded Wheat The Geography We've Lost and How to Find it Again -Hodder & Stoughton

Ian Marchant [2003]: Parallel Lines Or Journeys on the Railway of Dreams - Bloomsbury

Julian Gagini [2007]: Welcome to Everytown A Journey into the English Mind - Granta

Julian Barnes [1998]: England, England - Jonathan Cape

Charlotte Metcalf [2003]: Walking Away: A Filmmakers African Journal - Eye Books

Paul Kingsnorth: [2008]: Real England. The Battle against the Bland - Portobello

CONFLICT AND MIS / UTOPIAS

Javier Cercas [2003]: Soldiers of Salamis - Bloomsbury

Aldous Huxley [2005]: Island - Vintage Classics [with an introduction by David Bradshaw]

BF Skinner 2005]: Walden Two - Hackett Publishing