

What should I read?

Read articles in *Teaching Geography* to broaden your knowledge of geography teaching and to keep up-to-date with curriculum thinking. (See the 'Thirty essential articles' on the next page). These articles are free for GA members to download, and access to the extensive archive of past issues is also free for members. GA members also receive a termly copy of *GA Magazine* which includes current news about the association and geography education. You should also read *Geography* which is the GA's international journal for lecturers, teachers and students in post-16 geography which includes articles on recent research in geography as an academic discipline as well as discussion about geographical education.

Key texts for geography trainee teachers are:

- Biddulph, M., Lambert, D. and Balderstone, D. (2015) *Learning to teach geography in the secondary school: A Companion to School Experience, 3rd edition*. London: Routledge.
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These three texts are referenced extensively throughout the *Learning to teach geography* pages of the GA website for geography trainee teachers and ECTs.

Other important texts about geography teaching

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- Swift, D. (2005) *Meeting Special Educational Needs in the Curriculum: Geography*. Abingdon: Routledge.
- Taylor, E. (2004) *Re-Presenting Geography* Cambridge: Chris Kington Publishing.
- Walshe and G. Healy (eds), *Geography Education in the Digital World*. London: Routledge.
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Essential articles for new teachers to read from *Teaching Geography*

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- Bennetts, T. ‘Improving geographical understanding at KS3’, *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2008.
- Biddulph, M. ‘Inclusive geographies: the illusion of inclusion’, *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2017.
- Bonnett, A. ‘Geography: One of humanity's big ideas’, *Teaching Geography*, Autumn 2012.
- Booth, A. ‘Challenge moments’ in geography lessons: promoting critical thinking,’ *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2020.
- Brand, S., ‘Capturing a ‘sense of place’ through fieldwork’, *Teaching Geography*, Spring 2020.
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- Rawling, E. 'The geography curriculum 5–19: What does it all mean?', *Teaching Geography*, Spring 2016.
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- Roberts, M. 'Geographical education is powerful if...', *Teaching Geography*, Spring 2017.
- Roberts, M. 'The challenge of enquiry-based learning', *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2013.
- Roberts, M. 'Where's the geography? Reflections on being an external examiner', *Teaching Geography*, Autumn 2010.
- Roger, D. 'Planning your key stage 3', *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2015.
- Selmes, I. 'The risk in excellent teaching', *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2012.
- Taylor, L. 'Key concepts and medium term planning', *Teaching Geography*, Summer 2008.
- Tolley, S. 'Prisoners of Geography? How contextualising a book can develop students' understandings of geography', *Teaching Geography*, Spring 2020.
- Trafford, R. 'Seizing the opportunity for a new era of fieldwork', *Teaching Geography*, Spring 2017.

Further reading for geography professional development, PGCE and Masters

- Biddulph, M. and Butt, G.(2000-07) *Theory into Practice* series Sheffield: Geographical Association.
 - *Cases and Places* (2004) by Clare Brooks and Alun Morgan.
 - *Extending Writing Skills* (2003) by Graham Butt.
 - *Immaculate Misconceptions* (2000) by Jane Dove.
 - *Into the Black Box: Observing classrooms* (2000) by Sheila King.
 - *Maps with Latitude* (2000) by David R. Wright.
 - *Moral Dilemmas* (2003) by Michael McPartland.
 - *New Approaches to Fieldwork* (2006) by David Caton.
 - *Place, 'Race' and Teaching Geography* (2004) by John Morgan and David Lambert.
 - *Understanding Place as a Process* (2007) by Charles Rawding.
 - *Voices and Choices in Coursework* (2003) by Susan Martin, Alan Reid, Kate Bullock and Keith Bishop.
 - *WebQuests in Geography* (2003) by Tony Fisher.

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- Butt, G. (ed) (2011) *Geography, Education and the Future*. London: Routledge.
- Butt, G. (ed) (2015) *MasterClass in Geography Education: Transforming teaching and learning*. London: Bloomsbury.
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Think Pieces revised

'Think Pieces' were written as part of the GA's GTIP project with the Teacher Development Agency in 2008/9. The project intention was to develop geography materials for PGCE courses, written by leading geography educators to inform and to encourage reflection on a range of themes and issues in geography education. The following have been updated in line with current geography curriculum requirements.

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- Hopwood, N. (2007) *Think Piece – Values and controversial issues*, Geographical Association online.
- Hopwood, N., (2008) *Think Piece – Education for sustainable development: Students' perspectives*, Geographical Association online.
- Lambert, D. (2011) *Think Piece –The educational potential of geography*. Geographical Association online.
- Morgan, A. (2008) *Think Piece – Global warming*, Geographical Association online.
- Morgan, J. (2008) *Think Piece – Teaching about diversity*, Geographical Association online.

- Rawling, E. (2008) *Think Piece – Planning and developing the curriculum*, Geographical Association online.
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- Roberts, M. (2008) *Orientation Piece – Research*, Geographical Association online.
- Smith, M. (2008) *Think Piece – Education for sustainable development*, Geographical Association online.
- Taylor, L. (2008) *Think Piece – Concepts in geography*, Geographical Association online.
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