**Geography Year 8: Optional Summer Project**

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| What is the Optional Summer Project? | |
| **Border Barrier Map** – This optional summer project is designed to get you thinking about our ‘divided world’ and the physical and political divides between countries.  All countries have borders to show where one country starts and another ends. This is shown in world maps as you can see the outline of each country. In most countries these borders don’t physically exist, there isn’t a big red line in the ground showing you the divide between two countries, there’s usually just a sign! However, in some places, physical barriers have been built on the borders between two countries.  **Your task is to create a Border Barrier Map.** This will be a world map but with some added information! You need to find out as many **Physical** **Barriers** that exist between countries in the world. This could be a wall, fence or any other physical barricade. For example, there is a physical wall between some parts of the USA and Mexico and a fence between North and South Korea.  On your world map you need to draw on these physical borders in a colour that will stand out against the rest of the map.  You will need to research **Geographical Border Barriers** using the internet. | |
| What resources will I need? | |
| Internet to research geographical borders  Websites that may help you:  <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Border_barrier>  <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/countries-with-border-walls>  Paper to draw or print a world map.  *\*You could do this on the computer if you are skilful with programmes that allow you to edit images. Import a picture of the world map into photoshop, paint or word and draw on the borders digitally.* | |
| Where can I look for more activities or resources if I would like them? | |
| <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBEEYRm93Zs>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gtLxZiiuaXs>  <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/border/#:~:text=A%20border%20is%20a%20real,a%20particular%20governing%20body%20controls.>  Books by Tim Marshall   * Why we’re living in an Age of Walls * Prisoners of Geography: Our World Explained | |
| What will I be studying when I return in September and how can I prepare? | |
| New Year 9 | A Divided World – We will be looking at relevant and recent conflicts around the world and how the world we know today has become so divided. We will look at the root and cause of conflicts and the consequences of them. Some conflicts we will be covering include Brexit, The USA and Mexico Border and Scottish Independence. The following website may help you to prepare.  <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/divide/#:~:text=A%20divide%20is%20the%20elevated%20boundary%20separating%20areas%20that%20are,other%20side%20empties%20into%20another.> |