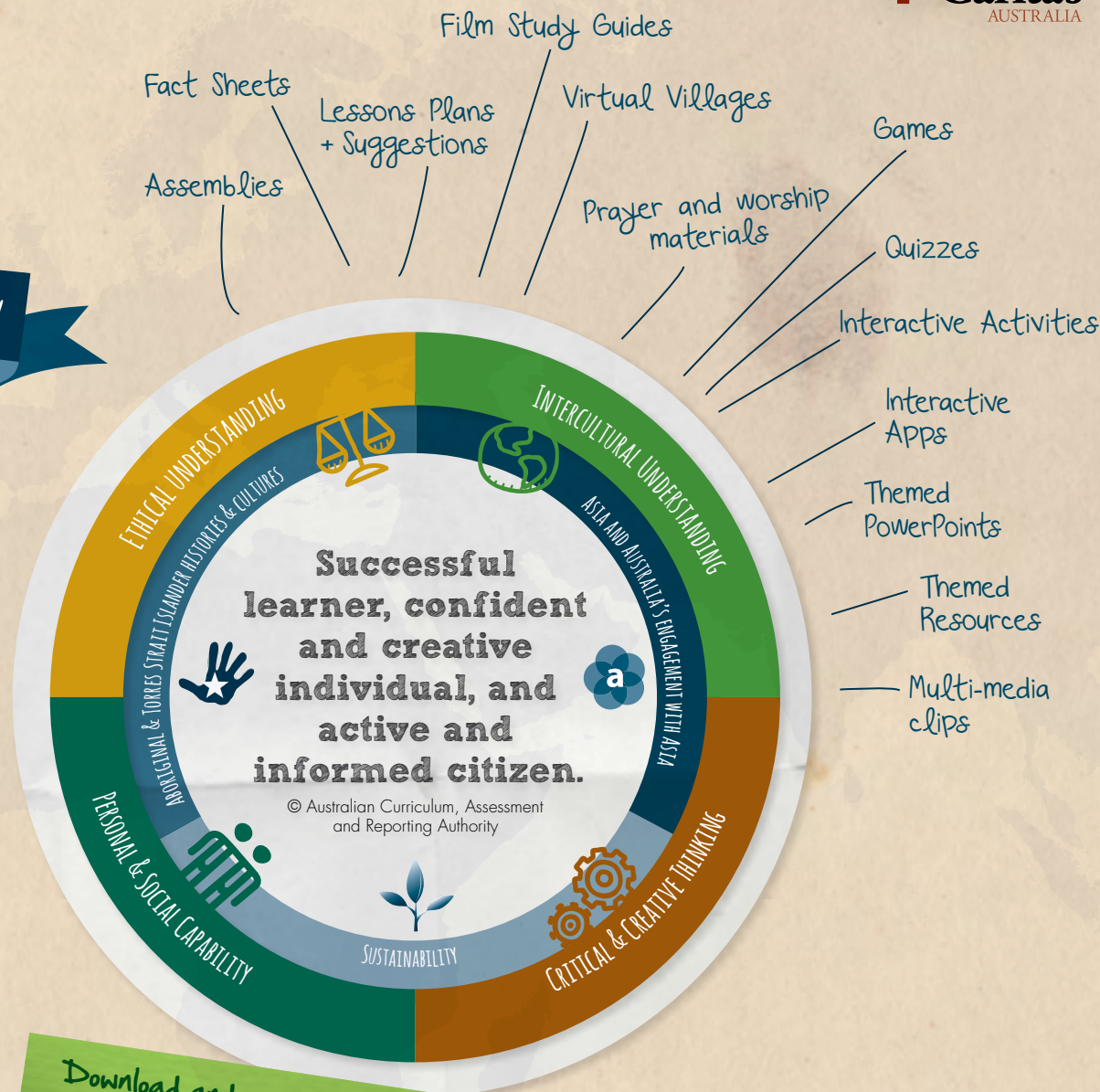


CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EDUCATION RESOURCES

EDUCATING TO END POVERTY, PROMOTE JUSTICE AND UPHOLD DIGNITY

Primary
Geography



Download and use our resources to help your pupils understand and explore social justice issues at their own level!



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THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Geography

Primary

EDUCATION RESOURCES

Everything Caritas Australia offers will help you enhance your pupils' learning, while at the same time addressing each of the cross-curriculum priorities and several of the general capabilities.

We have updated our Geography resources with the associated Geography links. While the new curriculum is structured year level specific, many of these resources can be adapted and used across primary school year levels. The Category title includes Geography curriculum terms. The specific links aim to assist you with planning, assessment and integrated inquiry teaching.

Curriculum codes listed next to each resource are hyperlinked to a page within this guide that lists all relevant [content descriptions](#).

Global Social Justice Education in Geography

Geography is a structured way of exploring and understanding the natural and man made features of our world. It is rich ground for global social justice education through the key concepts of place, space, environment, interconnection, sustainability, scale and change. The whole person and the context of a global society are critical elements of education, deeply embedded in the Australian Geography curriculum.

The Australian Geography curriculum invites teachers and students to investigate the state of the world and our relationships and responsibilities within it. Poverty is created by the actions of people. This means it can be eradicated – it's not a question of *if*, but *when*. But for this to happen, we must all work together towards the creation of a more just world.

Effective aid and community development work are central to the fight against poverty and inequality. **There are so many global issues that affect marginalised and vulnerable people where OUR voice can really make a difference.** The Australian Geography curriculum has been designed with a view for equipping students with the cross disciplinary understandings to envision and work towards a socially just and sustainable future.

Our geography resources provide you with meaningful opportunities to explore students' interconnectedness with their world, develop lifelong understanding and critical thinking, and nurture curiosity and compassion.

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KEY GEOGRAPHY INQUIRY QUESTIONS AND TOPICS

Foundation Year TOPICS: Indigenous Australian Culture, Community Development, Water & Sanitation

- What are places like ?
- What makes a place special?
- How can we look after the places we live in?

Year 1 TOPICS: Climate Change, Poverty

- What are the different features of places?
- How can we care for places?

Year 2 TOPICS: Fair Trade, Emergencies

- What is a place?
- How are people connected to their place and other places?
- What factors affect my connections to places?

Year 3 TOPICS: Education, Poverty, Millennium Development Goals

- How and why are places similar and different?
- What would it be like to live in a neighbouring country?
- How do people's feelings about places influence their views about the protection of places?

Year 4 TOPICS: Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security

- How does the environment support the lives of people and other living things?
- How do different views about environment influence approaches to sustainability?
- How can people use places and environments more sustainably?





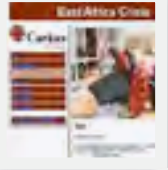









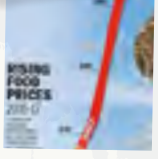







Year 5 TOPICS: Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergencies, Climate Change

- How do people and environments influence one another?
- How do people influence the human characteristics of places and management of spaces within them?
- How can the impact of bushfires or floods on people and places be reduced?








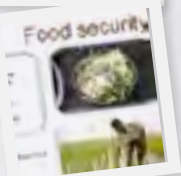















Year 6 TOPICS: Poverty, Millennium Development Goals, Fair Trade, Indigenous Cultures, Refugees

- How do places, people and cultures differ across the world?
- What are Australia's global connections between people and places?
- How do people's connections to places affect their perception of them?






















Category: Geography: Natural Resources (Food), Sustainable development

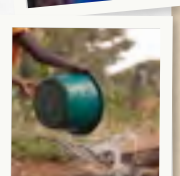
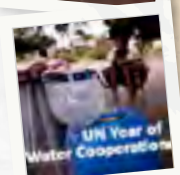
Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
East Africa Webquest	A webquest exploring the East Africa food crisis. It should be both given to students and completed digitally.	Year 5, ACHGK028	  		Emergencies, Food Security, Disaster Risk Reduction	Lesson / Activity (Webquest) 
West Africa Food Crisis - Teacher's Notes	A set of activities for varying age groups to learn about the West Africa food crisis.	Year 4, ACHGK020 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 5, ACHGK028	   		Emergencies, Food Security, Catholic Social Teaching	Lesson / Activity 
West Africa Food Crisis- PowerPoint	A general PPT explaining the West Africa food crisis and how Caritas is responding.	Year 4, ACHGK020 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 5, ACHGK028	 		Catholic Social Teaching, Emergencies, Food Security	Case Study, Fact Sheet, PowerPoint 
Prayer Service of hope in times of disaster - zip file	A prayer service and supporting lesson activities which can be used during any emergency to learn about and pray for those affected. Includes a PPT and lesson activities.	Year 2, ACHGK012 Year 4, ACHGK020 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 5, ACHGK028		N/A	Emergencies, Disaster Risk Reduction	Lesson / Activity, PowerPoint, Reflection 
Project Compassion 2010- Samon's Story	A short film exploring how the work of Caritas Australia is improving food security in Cambodia.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 4, ACHHK024 Year 5, ACHGK028 Year 6, ACHGK032	  		Poverty, Millennium Development Goals, Food	Film 6:02 

Category: Geography: Natural Resources (Food), Sustainable development





















Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Food Quiz	Use this quiz as an introduction to the topics of food and hunger.	Year 4, ACHGK024			Food Security	PowerPoint, Quiz 
Food Security - lesson activities	Classroom activities with links to videos and games on the causes and effects of hunger.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024	  		Food Security, Catholic Social Teaching	Lesson / Activity 
Global Reality Meal	Instructions and script for running a Global reality meal.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024	  		Food Security	Lesson / Activity, Game 
Sustainable Agriculture - lesson activities	These classroom activities explore how food can be grown sustainably featuring a case study from Nepal.	Year 1, ACHGK005 Year 4, ACHGK024	  	 	Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture	Lesson / Activity, Game, Link to film 
Teopista adopts abandoned twins- Uganda	A short film demonstrating a day in the life of Teopista and her family in Uganda, and their participation in a Sustainable Agriculture Program.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Poverty, Agriculture	Film 3:34 

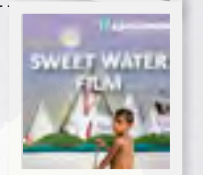
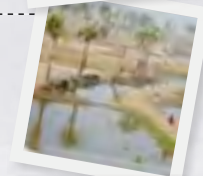
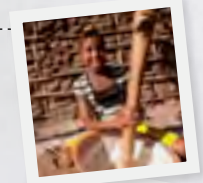
Category: Geography: Natural Resources (Water), Environmental management

Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Water Case Studies	Stories from Caritas partners about the difference access to water makes.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 4, ACHGK025		 	Water and Sanitation	Case Study
Water Fact Sheet	Facts and statistics on lack of access to water globally.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 4, ACHGK025			Water and Sanitation	Fact Sheet
Water Audit	Instructions and template for carrying out a water audit in your school.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 4, ACHGK024	 		Water and Sanitation	Lesson / Activity
Making a Tippy-tap	Instructions for making a simple hand washing device used in African countries.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 4, ACHGK024	 		Water and Sanitation	Lesson / Activity
UN Year of Water Cooperation - Classroom activities	Case studies and activities on the theme of water.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 1, ACHGK005 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 4, ACHGK024	   		Water and Sanitation	Lesson / Activity, Case Study, Link to film
Case Study - Ditosa from Mozambique	A short film about how Caritas Australia is working with communities to ensure access to clean water and sanitation.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 4, ACHGK025	   		Education, Water and Sanitation	Film 2:27



Category: Geography: Natural Resources (Water), Climate














Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Case Study - Ditoso from Mozambique	A short film exploring how Caritas Australia is working with communities to ensure enough food for all.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024	   		Food	Film 2:19
Climate Change - lesson activities	Classroom activities exploring our changing climate and its effect on vulnerable communities.	Year 1, ACHGK006 Year 3, ACHGK017	  		Environment, Climate Change	Lesson / Activity
Sweet Water Film	A film exploring the effects of climate change on food security in Bangladesh.	Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 4, ACHGK021 Year 5, ACHGS034		 	Environment, Climate Change, Food	Film 9:28
Sweet Water Film- presenters notes	Presenters notes to assist in getting the most out of the film before, during and after viewing.	Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 4, ACHGK021	   	 	Environment, Climate Change, Food	Lesson / Activity
Millennium Development Goals Poster	A poster outlining the eight Millennium Development Goals and indicators.	Year 4, ACHGS026 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		MDGs	Poster

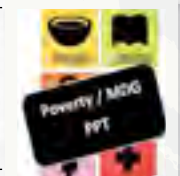
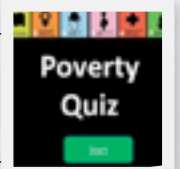


Category: Geography: International Aid, International relations



















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Blueprint for a Better World website	A comprehensive interactive multi-media website on the Millennium Development Goals.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 6, ACHGK035	 		MDGs Food/hunger Education Health and HIV Water and Sanitation	Case Study, Fact Sheet, Lesson / Activity, Multi-media, Quiz
Good Aid works: Clean water brings fresh opportunities	A short film exploring how Australian aid is improving access to safe drinking water on the island of Flores in Indonesia.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Water, Aid and Development	Film 3:01
Good Aid works: The true value of hard work	A short film explaining how Australian Aid has assisted farmers like Lazarus in Indonesia, develop their small business exporting their crops across the world.	Year 6, ACHGK032 Year 6, ACHGK035	 		Poverty, Aid and Development, Trade	Film 3:24
Focus on Fair Trade	Encourage active citizenship and choices for justice - make your school a Fair Trade school!	Year 2, ACHGK012 Year 6, ACHGK035 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Fair Trade, Food	Lesson / Activity Fact Sheet
Fairtrade assembly	Use this assembly during Fairtrade Fortnight, or at any time!	Year 2, ACHGK012 Year 6, ACHGK035 Year 6, ACHGK032			Fair Trade	Lesson / Activity Assembly

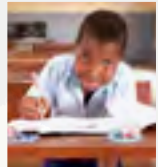
Category: Geography: Sustainable futures, Human Settlements, Populations (Society)

Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Poverty Quiz	A quiz to introduce the topic of extreme poverty.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Poverty, MDGs	PowerPoint, Quiz
Urban Poverty	Explore how urbanisation increases extreme poverty. See notes pages for additional info and discussion questions.	Year 1, ACHGK005 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGS032			Poverty	PowerPoint
Causes and Consequences of Poverty	A PowerPoint developed for Anti-Poverty Week that explores the causes and consequences of poverty and how Caritas is responding.	Year 6, ACHGK035	  		Poverty	Fact Sheet, PowerPoint
Millennium Development Goals	An introduction to the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and what progress has been made so far.	Year 6, ACHGS032			MDGs, Poverty	Fact Sheet, PowerPoint
Ditosa's Story from Mozambique	Ditosa is 12 years old and involved in an integrated community development project.	Year 1, ACHGK005 Year 1, ACHGK007 Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK035	   		Food, Education, Health, Water, Home	Film 12:16



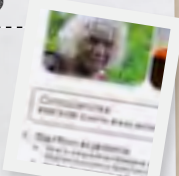
















Category: Geography: Sense of place, Human settlements













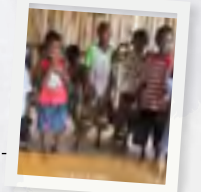










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Education Board Game	A simple board game to help students understand some of the factors that prevent students receiving an education.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK035			Education	Game, Lesson / Activity
Education: A cause and consequence of poverty	A mind map template in the shape of a tree to explore the causes and effects of not receiving an education.	Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 6, ACHGK035 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Education	Lesson / Activity
Case Study - Ditosa from Mozambique	A short film exploring how Caritas Australia is working with communities to ensure all children can attend school.	Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK035	   		Education	Film 3:06
Interactive Virtual Village	An Interactive resource including short films and photographs about the important aspects of community life such as education, food, agriculture, clean water, sanitation and health. Based on The Matuba Children's Centre in Mozambique.	FY, ACHGK002 Year 1, ACHGK005 Year 1, ACHGK007 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 6, ACHGK032	 		Water, Food, Education, Agriculture, Water, Sanitation, Health, Aid and Development	Interactive Village - Short Films - Photo galleries - Facts
Case Study - Ditosa from Mozambique	A short film exploring how Caritas Australia is working with communities to improve health.	Year 2, ACHGK013 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK032	   		Health	Film 3:06



Category: Geography: Indigenous Australian peoples, Environmental impact

Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Celebrating Indigenous Culture	Classroom activities that would be great to use during NAIDOC week.	FY, ACHGK004 Year 2, ACHGK011, Year 3, ACHGK015, Year 4 ACHGK023, Year 5, ACHGK027, Year 6, ACHGK033			Indigenous Peoples	Lesson / Activity 
Refugees - Primary lesson	Classroom activities exploring the issue of refugees and challenging our attitudes towards them.	Year 6, ACHGK035 Year 6, ACHGK036			Refugees	Lesson / Activity 
Solomon Islands- Gender Equity in Education	A short film about improving opportunities for young women to attend school.	Year 6, ACHGK035			Education, Gender quality	Film 5:26 
Kindergarten Project in the Solomon Islands	A short film about improving opportunities for young children to attend school.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 6, ACHGK035			Education	Film 3:29 
Disaster risk preparedness in Fiji	A short film explaining and demonstrating how Fijian children spread the message about disaster preparedness by creating animations.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 5, ACHHK030 Year 6, ACHGK035			Disaster Risk Reduction, Education	Film 5:51 
Be prepared!	Classroom activities on preparing for disasters.	Year 2, ACHGK012 Year 4, ACHGK020 Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 5, ACHGK028			Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergencies	Lesson / Activity 

Category: Geography: Natural Resources, Pacific Island Peoples, Environmental Impact

Name (link)	Resource Description	Curriculum links	General Capabilities	Cross-curriculum priorities	Topics	Resource type(s)
Solomon Islands- Buma Water supply project	A short film exploring the cooperation involved around the use of a shared water resource.	Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 6, ACHGK035	  		Water, Disaster Risk reduction	Film 5:21 
Tanzania Water project video	A short film exploring the cooperative efforts of Tanzanians and Caritas Australia to improve access to water.	Year 4, ACHGK024 Year 6, ACHGK035	  		Poverty, Aid and Development	Film 6:49 
Nursery Rhyme project in the Solomon Islands	A short film demonstrating how nursery rhymes are used to educate and prepare children for natural disasters.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 5, ACHGK030 Year 6, ACHGK035			Disaster Risk Reduction	Film 3:02 
Kaluram's Story- Overcoming the challenges of poverty and injustice in Nepal	A short film describing the work of Caritas Nepal and Caritas Australia, the challenges facing Nepal and how aid assists thousands of families.	Year 6, ACHGK035	  		Aid and Development, Poverty, Agriculture	Film 4:11 
A day in the life of Samon- Cambodia	A short film following Samon and his family as they go about their daily activities together.	Year 3, ACHGK016 Year 3, ACHGK019 Year 6, ACHGK032	  		Poverty	Film 3:45 

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM LINKS

Geography

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CONTENT DESCRIPTIONS

Geographical Knowledge and Understanding (ACHGK)

Also see 'Elaborations' for each content description in the Geography F-6 curriculum

Foundation Year

ACHGK002 The places people live in and belong to, their familiar features and why they are important to people

ACHGK003 The countries/places that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people belong to in the local area and why they are important to them

Year 1

ACHGK005 The natural, managed and constructed features of places, their location, how they change and how they can be cared for

ACHGK006 The weather and seasons of places and the ways in which different cultural groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, describe them

ACHGK007 The ways the activities located in a place create its distinctive features

Year 2

ACHGK011 The ways in which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples maintain special connections to particular Country/Place

ACHGK012 The connections of people in Australia to other places in Australia, the countries of the Asia region, and across the world

ACHGK013 The influence of purpose, distance and accessibility on the frequency with which people visit places

Year 3

ACHGK015 The many Countries/Places of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples throughout Australia

ACHGK016 The location of Australia's nearest neighbouring countries and their diverse characteristics

ACHGK017 The main climate types of the world and the similarities and differences between the climates of different places

ACHGK019 The similarities and differences between places in terms of their type of settlement, demographic characteristics and the lives of people who live there

Year 4

ACHGK020 The location of major countries of Africa and South America in relation to Australia, and their main characteristics, including the types of natural vegetation and native animals in at least two countries from both continents

ACHGK021 The types of natural vegetation and the significance of vegetation to the environment and to people

ACHGK023 The custodial responsibility Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have for Country/Place and how this influences their past and present views about the use of resources

ACHGK024 The natural resources provided by the environment and where they come from, for example, water, food and raw materials, fibres, timber and metals that make the things they use

ACHGK025 The sustainable management of waste from production and consumption

Year 5

ACHGK027 The influence of people, including Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Peoples, on the environmental characteristics of Australian places

ACHGK028 The influence of the environment on the human characteristics of place

ACHGK030 The impact of bushfires or floods on environments and communities, and how people can respond

Year 6

ACHGK032 Differences in economic, demographic and social characteristics between countries across the world

ACHGK033 The world's cultural diversity, including that of its Indigenous peoples.

ACHGK035 The various connections Australia has with other countries and how these connections change people and places

ACHGK036 The effects that people's connections with, and proximity to, places throughout the world have on shaping their awareness and opinion of those places

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