

S2 Geography - Home Learning Activities



1. Desert People Study

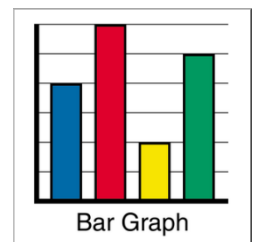
Choose 2 hot desert groups to research:

- Bedouin of the Arabian Desert
- Australian Aborigines
- Tuareg of the Sahara
- Native Americans of Arizona/Sonoran Desert

Find out as much as you can about each grouping and create an information poster/leaflet/write-up about them in your jotter, or type up and email.

Try to find out:

- Name
- Location
- Population (numbers of people)
- Traditional way of life
- Modern way of life
- Culture/music/dance/art/dress/religion
- History
- Economic activity (how do people earn a living?)



2. Traffic Study

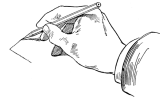
Wherever possible complete this from inside your house or garden.

- Choose a 10-15 minute period at the same time every day. Make a note of the exact time.
- During that time you should count the number of cars, vans, lorries, buses, motorcycles and bicycles that go past in one or both directions.
- Create a simple list/table in your jotter and record the numbers with tally marks.
- Try to construct a bar graph of your findings each day.
- Write a description of your findings – can you compare your findings from different days/across a week?
- Can you identify any trends or patterns or differences?

3. Weather Study

- For 7 days you must observe, measure/research and record the weather
- Make a note of temperature/wind speed and direction/rainfall/cloud cover/any other weather conditions
- Use BBC weather or met office.org to help
- Write down 5 things the good weather allows us to do
- Write down 5 things that bad weather stops us from doing





4. Field Sketch

- Position yourself at your window, or in your garden.
- Draw a frame in your jotter around the edge of one A4 page
- Sketch the main features of the landscape that you can see in front of you
- Don't worry about small details, capture the main things you can see
- Label (annotate) the features
- Add colour if you have some
- Repeat for a different location/view if possible

5. Website exploration:

- Take some time to explore the following websites:
 - ✓ www.natgeokids.com
 - ✓ www.ducksters.com
 - ✓ www.kids-world-travel-guide.com
 - ✓ www.cia.gov (World Factbook)
 - ✓ Google maps/Streetview
 - ✓ Google Earth
 - ✓ www.seterra.com
 - ✓ www.bbc.co.uk/newsround Climate Change news stories
 - ✓ www.kahoot.com search for Geography quizzes, or make your own!
- Take some notes in your jotter of what you have been learning about on each site



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