

Year 12 Geography Bridging Work

What makes the Arctic unique?

The Arctic is an environment like no other. It is home to four million people, supports an abundance of uniquely adapted wildlife, and plays an important role in moderating the world's climate. However, the Arctic is a dynamic environment that is undergoing change. How do these changes affect the Arctic itself and the rest of the world?

You are required to produce a 1500 word essay which discusses **what makes the Arctic unique.**

Describe and discuss the wide variety of reasons why the Arctic is unique:

- Explore both the human and physical geography of the Arctic, including its environmental, political, social, cultural, and economic distinctiveness
- Discuss how the Arctic is changing and how these changes affect the Arctic itself and the rest of the world
- Explore the past, present, and future governance of the Arctic
- Demonstrate a strong use of annotated diagrams, charts, maps or images

Criteria:

- Excellent attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Use of accurate geographical terminology throughout
- Clearly labelled and appropriately acknowledged sources, including diagrams, charts, maps, or images (reference using footnotes or a bibliography)
- Accurate use of symbols, scales and keys, where appropriate
- Original and independently produced

Please bring your essay to your first Geography lesson in September. We hope you enjoy researching this fascinating topic.

Outstanding essays will be entered into the Royal Geography Societies' Young Geographer of the Year competition.