GEOGRAPHY

We can’t wait to meet you and welcome you to the Aldersley Family

Please hand this to your Geography teacher on your first day at Aldersley.

You will receive 100 points.

The main tasks you should complete are highlighted yellow.

There are also challenges that are highlighted green. You do not have to complete these BUT could attempt them for extra points!
Welcome to the Geography department at Aldersley High School

Meet your Geography Team!

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What is Geography all about?

Geography is the study of *places* and the relationships between people and their environments.

It will help you understand the world in which you live, the changes that have occurred to our planet over time and help forecast our future.

**Task 1** – These celebrities studied Geography. Can you name all of them?

![Celebrities](image1.png) ![Celebrities](image2.png) ![Celebrities](image3.png)

What is Geography like at Aldersley?

At Aldersley you will have two Geography lessons every week during Year 7, 8 and 9. In these you will explore different types of geography, such as:

- **Human Geography**, which is the study of where and how people live. *e.g.* settlement (towns/cities), population, development, tourism

- **Physical Geography**, which is the study of the natural features of the earth. *e.g.* rivers, coasts, deserts, earthquakes and volcanoes
What is the Geography project?

In Geography we study the world, which has 7 continents and 5 oceans. Therefore, your Geography project includes 5 main tasks based on the novel ‘Wonder’ by R. J. Palacio, and 7 challenges, which are additional but completely optional so you can attempt as many as you are able to.

What makes a good Geographer?

To be a good Geographer we like to ask questions so that we can find out about places. We like to use the 5 W’s to help us ask questions:

| Who...? | What...? | Why...? | Where...? | When...? |

**Task 2** – Fill in the table below using the 5W’s to think of some questions about this famous landmark in New York, which is where Auggie lives:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>5 W’s</th>
<th>Your question</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Who...?</td>
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<tr>
<td>What...?</td>
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<td>Why...?</td>
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<td>Where...?</td>
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<td>When...?</td>
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**Challenge 1** – Do you know the name of this landmark? Write it in this box:

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What is the country like where Auggie lives?

Auggie lives in the United States of America, which is across the Atlantic Ocean from the UK, in North America in-between Canada to the north and Mexico to the south.

A country is different to a continent. A country is a place with villages, towns and cities. A continent contains several countries. For example, America is a country but North America is the continent it belongs to. England is a country but Europe is the continent it belongs to.

This is a map of the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world:

![Map of the world](image)

**Task 3** - Identify if the statements are TRUE or FALSE in the table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>True or False?</th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>USA is in North America</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>China is in South America</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Africa is country</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antarctica is the coldest continent</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Arctic Ocean is close to Australia</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Europe is a larger continent than Asia</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Indian Ocean is near to India</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>France is a country in Europe</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
It is called the United States of America because the country is split into fifty different states (a bit like the counties we have in England). Each state has an abbreviation, such as TX for Texas (a bit like UK postcodes).

**Task 4** – What states can you identify from this map of USA? Write them in the box below.

**Challenge 2** – Can you spot New York, which is the state where Auggie lives? You do NOT need to write anything, just look.
Like the UK, the USA is in the northern hemisphere and experience the seasons at the same time as us in the UK. However, the USA is so vast that it covers a range of different climate zones called regional climates. There are also many animals in the USA that we may not expect to see in the UK.

**Challenge 3** – Can you complete this table to identify the animals of USA?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Animal</th>
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<th>Animal</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Raccoon</td>
<td>Moose</td>
<td>Eagle</td>
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<tr>
<td>Skunk</td>
<td>Grizzly Bear</td>
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English is the most common language in the USA and UK, but there are some differences between UK English and US English.

**Challenge 4** – Can you complete the table to translate the words below?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>UK English</th>
<th>US English</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trash</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Sneakers</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Holidays</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Car bonnet</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sidewalk</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
What is the state like where Auggie lives?

Auggie lives in New York, which is the most populated city in the United States. Here are some more facts about New York City:

- The population is over 8.245 million
- Over **800** languages are spoken in New York. Making it the most linguistically diverse place in the world!
- The official language is English
- A famous landmark is the Statue of Liberty
- The major religion is Christianity
- New York is famous for embracing every type of food imaginable, especially bagels and cheesecake
- New York City's nickname is food related: 'The Big Apple'.
- Education in New York is considered to be of a very high standard.
- Famous people who were born in New York include Christina Aguilera and Mark Zuckerberg
- There are many books, movies and TV shows based on New York.

New York is made up of 5 boroughs:

Auggie lives in **Manhattan**. It is the most densely populated of the five boroughs of New York City and is city's economic and administrative centre, which means there are lots of businesses that specialise in money and trading.

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Task 5 - Create a fact-file about New York.

- You can use the information you have already been provided.
- You could also use the internet to find more interesting facts about the city.
- You can complete this on the computer (Word, PowerPoint or Publisher) OR you could draw your fact-file on paper

Success Criteria
You must include:

- A bold title saying “New York City”
- Information about:
  - Location
  - Culture
  - Food
  - Other interesting facts
    - i.e. famous people, and books and movies filmed/about the city...

You could include:

- Colour to make the information stand out
- A picture or map (you could even try drawing these)
- Your perceptions of New York based on what Auggie says in Wonder
**Challenge 5** – If you have completed your fact-file about New York, you could make another about another important place to Auggie.

For example,

- Auggie visits an Egyptian Museum so you could make a fact-file about Ancient Egypt.

- Auggie goes on school camp to Broarwood Nature Reserve so you could make a fact-file about Pennsylvania in USA.

- Auggie also likens people’s eyes looking at him to being like compasses always facing the North Pole so you could make a fact-file about the cold conditions and animals or plants that you would find here.

**Challenge 6** – Imagine you have travelled to New York. Write a postcard from New York to your family back home.

- You could compare New York to Wolverhampton.

- Think about the places you might visit.

- Also consider your 5 senses: what would you see, hear, taste, smell and touch?

- You can complete this on the computer (Word, PowerPoint or Publisher) OR on paper

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*Dear Mum and Dad*  
I'm having a great time here in New York! Aunt Eva has shown me everything - the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge and Central Park. I haven't taken a yellow taxi yet but I really want to.  
It's sunny and hot every day. Tomorrow we’re going to watch a show at a theatre on Broadway.  
Wish you were here  
Love Ami xx

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*Top Tips for writing*

1. Start your postcard.  
   Dear + name.

2. Use the present continuous to say you're enjoying the holiday.

3. Use the present perfect to say what you have done.

4. Use going to for your future plans.

5. A good way to finish a postcard.

6. Finish your postcard. Love + your name. xx are kisses!

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Challenge 7 - If you are able to print then you could have a go at colouring in this image of New York

Well done on completing your Geography Transition Project

We can’t wait to meet you in September!