



Year 8 Geography

Opportunities in the Sahara Desert

Your task:

You are to research the opportunities the Sahara Desert may provide for North Africa. Focus your research on the following things:

- ✓ **Where is the Sahara Desert? (including neighbouring countries & compass directions)**
- ✓ **What are the main 'opportunities' in the Sahara Desert e.g. mining, energy, tourism & farming**
- ✓ **Advantages of the opportunities mentioned above**
- ✓ **Disadvantages of the opportunities mentioned above**
- ✓ **A named example of where these opportunities could occur**

Have your say...

Assess this view: 'Opportunities for development in the Sahara Desert have more negative impacts than positive impacts'.

- ✓ Introduction – where is the Sahara Desert? What opportunities are there here? 'Opportunities' for who?
- ✓ Paragraph 1- agree, tell me about the negative impacts of development in the Sahara – include who they could be negative for and include examples where possible
- ✓ Paragraph 2- disagree, tell me about the positive impacts of development in the Sahara – include who they could be positive for and include examples where possible
- ✓ Conclusion- What is your opinion? Do you agree with the person's viewpoint or disagree and why?

Resources that can help you:

1. <https://teachers.thenational.academy/lessons/what-are-the-opportunities-for-northern-africa-due-to-the-sahara-desert-6gr38d> - there are lots of key facts on here you may want to use
2. <https://www.internetgeography.net/topics/opportunities-and-challenges-in-the-sahara-desert/> - similar information to the top link but includes aerial photographs and maps you may want to use/refer to
3. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-45435593> - information about using renewable energy in the Sahara
4. <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20190902-the-wall-holding-back-a-desert> - information about a project to reduce the impacts of desertification to help this area develop further

Producing the best quality work:

Below is information that you can use to help you add higher level detail to your homework. You should be aiming for the 'Excellent' section if you want to achieve or surpass (go above) your target grade for this homework activity.

OK	Good	Excellent
✓ Covers most of the information in the checklist above in basic detail e.g. bullet points	✓ Covers almost all of the information in the checklist above in a good level of detail e.g. sentences describing the impacts	✓ Clearly covers all of the information in the checklist above in a high level of detail e.g. examples of these development opportunities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ May have included some additional information not in the checklist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Included additional information not in the checklist✓ Clearly justified your opinion on whether this will be positive or negative
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