

## To what extent is the geography of Russia a benefit or a curse?

**TASK:** Create an A3 double-page spread for National Geographic Magazine assessing the extent to which the geography of Russia is a benefit or a curse.

You need to include the following information:

- Week 1 – Benefits** – Research three benefits of Russia’s **geography** and find examples to support the points you make, e.g. natural resources.
- Week 2 – Problems** – Research three problems with Russia’s **geography** and find examples to support the points you make, e.g. climate.
- Week 3 – Sources/presentation** - Find a map of Russia and stick this onto the middle of your page. Use this and other diagrams/pictures to write up your research by creating text boxes to label your three problems/benefits on your map.
- Week 4 – Write a conclusion** – To what extent is Russia’s geography a benefit or a curse? Write a paragraph to explain your conclusion (remember to use evidence too!).



Present your work neatly.

Date due: \_\_\_\_\_

**Aiming for excellence** – Before handing in your project, check you have done the following:

Excellence criteria	Done
<b>Geographical terms</b> You use a range of key terms, e.g. climate, terrain.	
<b>Understanding</b> You show clear understanding of a range of benefits and problems.	
<b>Presentation</b> Your page is well organised.	
All photos, maps and diagrams have titles and are labelled where appropriate.	
<b>Description</b> You describe each of the benefits and problems clearly.	
<b>Explanation</b> You explain the benefits and problems in detail.	
<b>Research</b> It is clear that you have researched specific information about the benefits and problems by reference to facts and examples of places in Russia.	
<b>Creativity</b> You have researched some creative examples/made some creative points drawing on your research.	
<b>Evaluation</b> You include a conclusion which evaluates to what extent Russia’s geography is a benefit or a curse.	