

CNS 'A' level Geography transition task Year 11 into Year 12



The Global Water Crisis

Water is a global resource essential to life. However, water is a finite resource and is regarded as an important public asset by most countries. Around 700 million people in 43 countries suffer today from water scarcity and, four billion people, almost two thirds of the world's population, experience severe water scarcity for at least one month each year. England and Wales are the only countries to have fully privatised water supplies in Europe and yet there are some regions of the UK that may begin to suffer from water stress over the coming years. In the coming decades as water supplies become more important natural assets it is predicted that they will also become the most common cause of conflict between countries and/or regions. How do we avoid this and manage water supplies in a sustainable way?

We would like you to research & consider this problem from a social, environmental, economic & political viewpoint and answer this question: Should water be a privatised asset? Justify your response.



- [Global water crisis looming, UN says - BBC News - YouTube \(2:33\)](#)
- [Explained | World's Water Crisis | FULL EPISODE | Netflix - YouTube \(18:43\)](#)
- [The Earth is on the brink of a global water crisis, warns UN - YouTube \(1:30\)](#)
- [The Water Crisis | National Geographic - YouTube \(44:13\)](#)

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Social	
Environmental	
Economic	
Political	
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