

## Geography A 'Level Summer Preparation Work for 'Changing Places.'



1. Read the extract below by Doreen Massey- a description of where she lives.

### "Doreen Massey's Kilburn 1

*Take, for instance, a walk down Kilburn High Road, my local shopping centre. It is a pretty ordinary place, north-west of the centre of London. Under the railway bridge the newspaper stand sells papers from every county of what my neighbours, many of whom come from there, still often call the Irish Free State. The post boxes down the High Road, and many an empty space on a wall, are adorned with the letters IRA. Other available spaces are plastered this week with posters for a special meeting in remembrance: Ten Years after the Hunger Strike. At the local theatre Eamon Morrissey has a one-man show; the National Club has the Wolfe Tones on, and at the Black Lion there's Finnegans Wake. In two shops I notice this week's lottery ticket winners: in one the name is Teresa Gleeson, in the other, Chouman Hassan.*

*Thread your way through the often almost stationary traffic diagonally across the road from the newsstand and there's a shop which as long as I can remember has displayed saris in the window, four life-sized models of Indian women, and reams of cloth. On the door a notice announces a forthcoming concert at Wembley Arena: Anand Miland presents Rekha, life, with Aamir Khan, Salman Khan, Jahi Chawla and Raveena Tandon. On another ad, for the end of the month, is written, 'All Hindus are cordially invited'.*

*In another newsagents I chat with the man who keeps it, a Muslim unutterably depressed by events in the Gulf, silently chafing at having to sell the Sun. Overhead there is always at least one aeroplane - we seem to have on a flight-path to Heathrow and by the time they're over Kilburn you can see them clearly enough to tell the airline and wonder as you struggle with your shopping where they're coming from. Below, the reason the traffic is snarled up (another odd effect of time-space compression!) is in part because this is one of the main entrances to and escape routes from London, the road to Staples Corner and the beginning of the M1 to 'the North'."*

For the area you live in write a similar style account to include:

- a. What you can see, hear and smell.
2. For the area you live in create an A3 poster/ scrap book style which includes the following information
    - a. A Google earth image of your area.
    - b. A map of your area.
    - c. An old map of your area from around 50 years ago (have a go, it might be difficult for some areas).
    - d. Photographs you have taken of your area and maybe the key features which allow it to be recognised from a photograph.
    - e. A paragraph on the history of your area and where the name comes from.
    - f. Interview members of your family who live in the area/ household on what their perception of your area is.
    - g. Data on how many people live there, what age ranges live there, what ethnicity there is in your area and what religion there is in your area.
    - h. Research if your area has ever been the subject or location for a film/ TV programme/ music or art work.

Use the internet and also your local library for this information, there are many local studies on Wirral/ Merseyside which will provide this information. For population statistics please use the census data website: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census>.