Comment Pieces
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What is a comment piece?

• A comment piece will require you to formulate an opinion on a geographical issue
• You will have to address counter-arguments and why they are less significant in your eyes
• You will have to set out the core aspects of the issue you are addressing
• You should find relevant examples that aim to prove your arguments
• It should be no more than 2,000 words and follow the submission guidelines

• You will have a choice of opinion pieces each issue that have been prominent in geographical media recently

• You could also pitch your own ideas

• It needs to be related to a key geographical debate

• Some ideas: climate change, third world debt, the impact of globalisation, the role of Arctic oil drilling, the impact of Fairtrade

Criteria
Guidance

- A brief sentence outlining the main ideas of your article
- You could include several paragraphs that set out your own views and arguments linked to some examples
- Several paragraphs explaining and outlining opposing views
- A final paragraph explaining why your views are more valid summarising all arguments provided so far
Examples