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Comment Pieces Advice by Mr. George Cook (Samuel Ryder Academy)



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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



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Criteria

- It should be no more than 2,000 words and follow the <u>submission</u> <u>guidelines</u>
- 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

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## 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



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## Examples

