

Financial Times: Greenland



Theme and Specification link

This summary explores the causes and geopolitical tensions over the proposal of the purchase of Greenland by US President Donald Trump.

There are two articles for this piece of work, the link to the first article can be found here: <https://bit.ly/4hiy9WN> or use the QR code in the top right corner of this page. The second link is here: <https://bit.ly/3DRaMVR> and the QR code is in the top left corner of this page.

This article underpins many aspects of carbon within the A Level Specifications specifically:

AQA

3.2.5.2 Natural resource issues.

3.2.5.5 Mineral security.

3.2.5.6 Resource futures.

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Topic 7: Superpowers

(Eduqas) and WJEC

2.2.6 to 2.2.10: Global Governance of the Earth's Oceans.

3.2.7 Sustainable use of the Arctic tundra biome.

OCR

2.2.4 Global Governance: Option D – Power and Borders.

4.c. Climate change is altering high latitude oceans.



Summary in bullet points 

Summarise the report in 5 bullet points.

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Wider issues

Write a question here to help think about other issues which might influence the points in the article.

Independence 

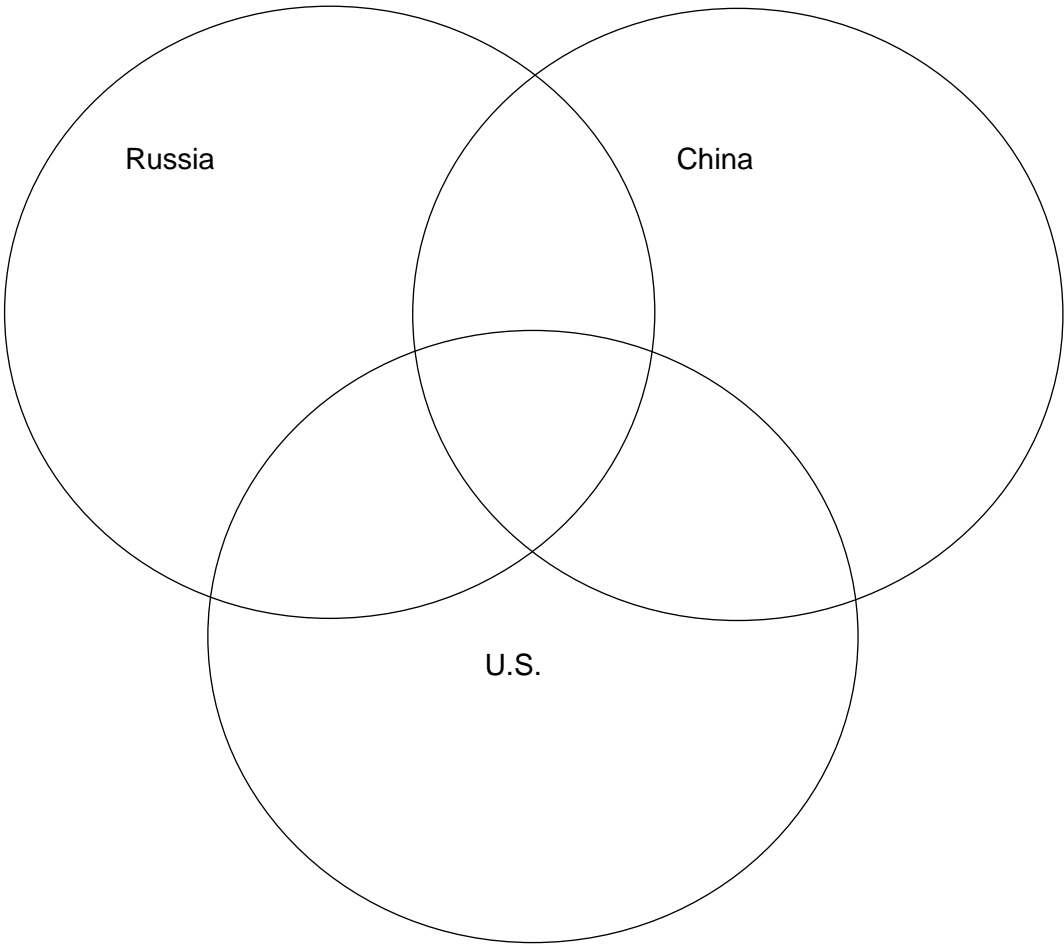
Use the table to identify the opportunities and challenges if Greenland succeeded in being an independent state.

Opportunities	Challenges



Conflict ✂

Use the triple Venn Diagram below to identify the reasons why Greenland is at the centre of 'The Polar Tussle' between the U.S., China and Russia. Where the circles overlap, identify similar reasons, where they are separate, identify different reasons.

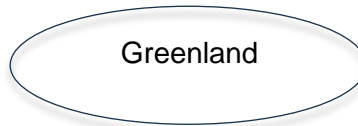


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Synoptic links



Note down any synoptic links using your specification to help you. A Mind map might be helpful here.



5 examination style questions



Explain how the acquisition of Greenland by the U.S. could pose challenges in the region.

Evaluate how sovereignty over places such as Greenland is a contested issue.

Discuss how climate change is increasing the geostrategic importance of Greenland.

Explain the geopolitical concerns of the United States regarding Chinese and Russian interest in the Arctic.

Considering the melting Arctic routes and increasing accessibility, evaluate the environmental, political, and economic implications of new shipping lanes for Arctic nations.