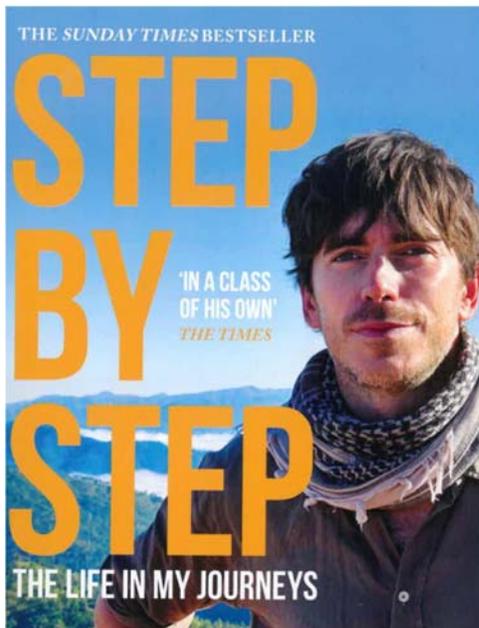


The Literacy Lowdown: Step by Step



A level geography students, remember, you should:

- undertake wider reading
- use factual texts, discursive / creative material

Summary

Simon travels through Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan for his first edu-documentary called Meet the Stans.

His journey from childhood to adult exploration is fraught with difficulty which he overcomes by putting 'one foot in front of the other' and taking life one step at a time. Simon takes you from his work at The Sunday Times to his ominous publication called The New Jackals (Al Qaeda) and then through central Asia.

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Specification links

AQA A Level 3.1.6.2 Factors influencing the changing of ecosystems.

Edexcel 5.7 There are physical and human causes of water insecurity.

OCR 2.1 Places are multi-faceted, shaped by shifting flows and connections.

WJEC 3.2.2. Recent drivers of migration including the development of diaspora communities.

Key quotes

"A French attack helicopter swooped low overhead...pricey supermarkets were stuffed with French wine and foie gras...Libreville was one of the most expensive cities to live anywhere in Africa." (p7)

"From the start we thought that by blending issues into the adventure, mixing light and shade, we might encourage people to watch the shows." (p154)

"Parched, contaminated sand blew over villages and sickened unemployed fishermen [in the dried Aral Sea]." (p158)

"'Who comes here now?' I asked...'Diplomats, VIPs and the beezneez [criminal] elite' he replied." (p178)

"Just a generation before, tribes like the Aché weren't considered to be human by the Paraguayans...'big game' hunters could fly in to track people in the jungle and shoot them." (p189)

"The [Tajik] border region was the real badlands. Militants, drug smugglers and the Taliban were active in the area." (p214)