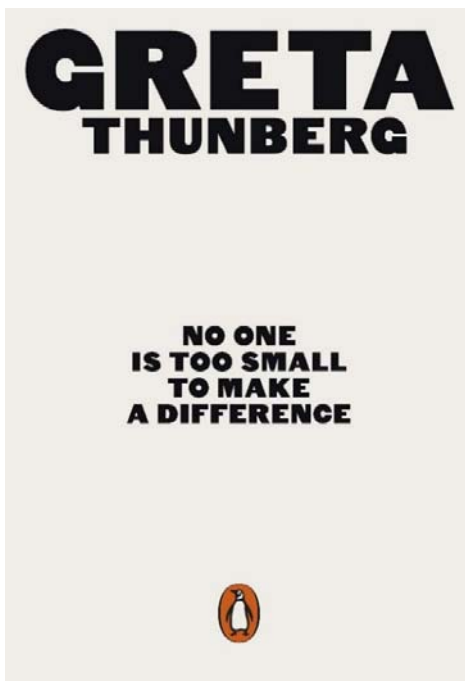


The Literacy Lowdown: No one is too small to make a difference



A level geography students, remember, you should:

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

Summary

This is a pocket-sized book full of factual information about climate change.

The book is not a political text as Greta explains: “our school strike has nothing to do with party politics...because the climate and the biosphere don’t care about our politics and our empty words for a single second” (p3).

It is a book which is a cry for help from a young generation who are baffled by the decades of inaction on the climate crisis. Indeed, in the final chapter Greta addresses the reader asking: “Can You Hear Me?”

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Specification links

AQA 3.1.6 Ecosystems under stress.

Edexcel Topic 2: Landscape Systems, Processes and Change.

OCR Topic 3.3 Topic 3.1 – Climate Change.

WJEC 4.5: Weather and Climate.

Key quotes

“To all of you who choose to look the other way every day because you seem more frightened of the changes that can prevent catastrophic climate change than the catastrophic climate change itself.” (p4)

“A lot of people say that Sweden is just a small country, and that it doesn’t matter what we do. But I think that if a few children can get headlines all over the world just by not going to school for a few weeks, imagine what we all could do together if we wanted to.” (p12)

“Our house is on fire. I am here to say, our house is on fire. According to the IPCC, we are less than twelve years away from not being able to undo our mistakes.” (p19)

“If the EU is to make its fair contribution to staying within the carbon budget for the 2°C limit, then it means a minimum of 80% reduction [of greenhouse gas emissions] by 2030 – and that includes aviation and shipping.” (p39)

“Perhaps the most dangerous misconception about the climate crisis is that we have to ‘lower’ our emission. Because that is far from enough. Our emissions have to stop.” (p63)