

1. (iii) This is a simple Geographical Description of the Dornoch Area as used in School up to Vth Year Level.

2. It follows the usual Geographical Sequence of -
Geographical Position
river terraces - used for crofting -
rift valley of Fleet - U-shaped Valleys - upper
course - round boulders - boulder clay - moraines
all of which are prominent in the area.
Relief
Climate - then
Land Use
Transport

NOTE All of these Special Features. photographed if required. I have then as 35 m.m. frames which I have

- 3.(a) The Dornoch Area offers an excellent contrast of an east coast area with the west coast.

The contrast is brought out in relief and climate,
land use -

Suggested contrasted pictures.

The higher west coast relief - interior and coast e.g. Ben More - Suilven - Canisp area and any of the fiord lochs of the west with - former ferries and branch railway.

The lower east coast interior plateau e.g. Ben Vrackie - Ben Tarvie - the silted inlets Loch Fleet or Dornoch Firth - the larger amount of low ground in the form of raised beaches available for agriculture.

Climatic contrasts - perhaps in the form of a rainfall and temperature chart but possibly better brought out in effects on forestry - lochs - agriculture.

- (b) (a) is a suggested possible geographical approach to the Dornoch area itself.

The area around Dornoch could perhaps be approached in the following way.

(i) The name DORNOCH - the field of rounded stones - the raised beached on which Dornoch is built.

Old Dornoch on the 25' and 50' raised beaches - sandstone - Cathedral - Castle.

New Dornoch - higher new housing estate - 100' raised beach - brick.

(ii) Land Use around Dornoch - Farming - large farms.

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1. (iii) The Evelix Valley - This illustrates the change from the coastal lowlands to the interior plateau - from farming - to crofting - to moorland. Other land uses which could be illustrated here - forestry - reservoirs
2. Geographical terms - river terraces - used for crofting - rift valley of the Fleet - U-shaped Valleys - upper course - rounded summits - boulder clay - moraines all of which are obvious in the area.

Transport

NOTE

All of these features are easily photographed if required. I have them as 35 m.m. frames which I have used regularly with classes.

4. Other aspects of Dornoch from the Geographical point of view:-

Suggested contrasted pictures.

TOURISM

- Caravan Parks
- Grannie's Hieland Home
- The Castle Hotel

TRANSPORT

- former ferries and branch railway.

ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE

- Police - Water - Housing - Town and Country

HISTORICAL ASPECTS

- (i) Norse Place names
- (ii) Other explanation of name Dornoch
- (iii) Cathedral
- (iv) Golf Course.

- (2) (a) is a suggested possible geographical approach to the Dornoch area itself.

The area around Dornoch could perhaps be approached in the following way.

- (i) The name DORNACH - the field of rounded stones - the raised beach on which Dornoch is built.

Old Dornoch on the 90' and 80' raised beach - Cathedral - Castle.

New Dornoch - higher new housing estate - 100' raised beach - brick.

- (ii) Land Use around Dornoch - Farming - large farms.

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