

The Almighty Dollar Review (DRAFT)

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About the book/review.

Written by Dharshini David, *The Almighty Dollar* is a must read that follows the journey of a single dollar as it circumnavigates the world's global financial system. Split into 9 easily readable chapters, the book reveals the value of that singular dollar in story form as it is chewed up and divided country by country; the dollar each time playing a vital part in how each country tries to strong-arm another in their grasp for development.

In an effort that shows off the power of globalisation and how money is the true link of what connects us all, *The Almighty Dollar* reveals which countries are the developers, the consumers, the pawns and the puppeteers of the world's economic system... and how it effects yourself and I compared to others on the other side of the planet. (Perhaps...and how it affects us around the world.. instead?)

How to incorporate it into your learning.

The Almighty Dollar (TAD) would be a great resource to build into any scheme of work regarding globalisation. It would give students an insightful look into the developed vs the developing world. (Perhaps... it allows students an insightful and indepth analysis of the developed v developing debate.) *The Almighty Dollar* would allow a learning mind to understand the value a country's local currency has against "The World's Currency" (\$) through conversion. (not sure about this sentence. Maybe - to understand teh value of local currency and how that interacts with the world economy.) How does this conversion, and subsequently the power it gives/does not give a country depending on this conversion, enable or disable a country from developing?

It would also be a great way to explore the roles in which countries play in this global-economic-game:

- China, dubbed the 'world's factory', the producers of a significant proportion of our daily goods. How does their relations with others effect the prices we pay? Import taxes/tariffs? Political stunts/plays to develop?
- USA, by far and large the world's largest consumer-spender, the world's biggest buyer. How can they, the home of the global currency, manipulate the market to hold power?
- African countries, played by Nigeria in TAD, use (or be used for) their natural resources as a lure for future development as the developed countries all scramble across the continent for development.

The Almighty Dollar explores many more as you travel through the chapters... (not sure this is needed think the above bit is fab and nicely concludes that section)

Future thoughts.

Will the *Almighty Dollar* stay so powerful? As we see China hoard the eastern world and continue to develop, ever exploring its options into Africa, the Middle East and strengthening the grip it already has over most of Asia.

Within time, it's expected China to boast the most powerful economy on the planet. Will the Yen be the new global currency? What will come of the United States of America with its growing tension towards China for this?

The Almighty Dollar could play the foundations of exploring Superpowers at A-Level. A great start into the predictions of the Sino-American War.

Great stuff here

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A-Level – Superpower struggle. Sino-American War.
Will the dollar remain so *almighty*? Will it be replaced?

Geo-politics. How countries use the value of the *global currency* to their advantage to earn and produce more money in their bid to become an economic powerhouse... or the next biggest one.

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videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD0KMG04xEg>

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