Abstract: In this paper I explain that place-based education has much to offer middle school students, including promoting literacy learning and learning in general. Finding connections to place are important and valuable experiences for today’s young
people in a globalised era. After providing some background information about student motivation and engagement, literature about place-based education is summarised. Three examples of place-based education are discussed before concluding with several suggestions of place-based activities that can be included in the English classroom.


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