

National U.S. Geography Bee – Round 3

Regulation Tossups

(1) Heading towards this city's downtown, Interstate 376 runs through a tunnel named for the namesake fort that preceded this city. This city, whose southern neighborhood of Mount Washington sits at the top of Monongahela Incline, is the site of two funiculars, the second being the Duquesne [[doo-KANE]]. This city, where the Andy Warhol Bridge forms one of a trio that crosses the Allegheny River, surrounds the confluence that forms the Ohio River. For the point, name this largest city of Western Pennsylvania.

ANSWER: **Pittsburgh**

(2) This mountain range's historic Seven Carries canoe route is protected by the largest state park in the United States and is also known for its "Great Camps," such as Sagamore. This mountain range, home to the southernmost taiga biome in North America, contains cities such as Utica, Plattsburgh, and Saratoga Springs on its fringes. The highest mountains in this range include Mount Haystack, Algonquin Peak, and Mount Marcy. Home to Lake Placid, for the point, what are the highest mountains in New York?

ANSWER: **Adirondack** Mountains

(3) This city's Muscle Beach contains a massive gymnastics area and was home to the original Hot Dog on a Stick location. The modern form of beach volleyball was popularized in this city after being invented at Waikiki Beach, and this city, which is home to Pacific Park, borders Brentwood and Venice Beach. This city names a mountain range that divides the San Fernando Valley from Malibu. For the point, name this city adjoining Los Angeles, the home of a pier that contains the end of Route 66.

ANSWER: **Santa Monica**

(4) A county named for these features in northern California was devastated by the Camp Fire in 2018. Two of these features termed "the Mittens" lie at the southern border of Utah, and another of them outside of Sturgis is called Bear Mountain by the Sioux [[SOO]]. These features lent their name to the fifth-largest city of Montana, lying between Bozeman and Missoula, and they also are known for occurring in Monument Valley. For the point, name these small, isolated hills with flat tops.

ANSWER: **buttes** [[BYOOT]] (accept **Butte** County, Bear **Butte**, or **Butte**, Montana)

(5) This airport's Skylink people mover system runs over the International Parkway, which bisects it. This airport, which is split between the cities of Grapevine and Irving, is situated along the eastern border of Tarrant County. This third-busiest airport in the world serves its city alongside Love Field, as well as the Metroplex. Containing the main hub of American Airlines, for the point, what largest airport of Texas is named after two cities?

ANSWER: **Dallas Fort Worth** International Airport (accept **KDFW**; prompt on partial answers)

(6) On May 31, 1823, William Richards and Charles Stewart established a mission on this island within a set of thatched huts. The aforementioned site of Waiola Church and Cemetery can be found on this island where, north of a whaling town, developers modernized Kaanapali. A set of August 2023 wildfires destroyed much of this island's city of Lahaina. For the point, name this second-largest Hawaiian island, which shares its name with a Polynesian deity.

ANSWER: **Maui**

(7) A peak named for this person in the Willowa–Whitman National Forest is the tallest in the Blue Mountains and Western Oregon. The Fort Berthold Reservation is bisected by a reservoir named for this woman on the Missouri River. An obelisk at Mobridge, South Dakota is dedicated to this Shoshone [[shuh-SHOH-nee]] woman, who was kidnapped by Hidatsa tribe members. For the point, name this Native American woman who appears on the U.S. dollar coin and helped guide the Lewis and Clark expedition.

ANSWER: **Sacagawea** (or **Sakakawea**; or **Sacajawea**; accept **Sacajawea** Peak; accept Lake **Sakakawea**)

(8) One of this river's tributaries is the Battenkill River, and it is dammed by the Federal Dam between Green Island and Troy. Until the Benjamin Franklin Bridge was constructed, this river was spanned by the world's longest suspension bridge, the Bear Mountain Bridge. This river widens at the Tappan Zee and is crossed by the Lincoln Tunnel, which connects New Jersey to Midtown Manhattan. For the point, name this river which flows through New York state before entering the Atlantic Ocean at New York City.

ANSWER: **Hudson** River (or **Ka'nón:no**; or **Mahicannittuk**; or **Muhheakantuck**; or **Mahicannitukw**)

(9) A member of this ethno-religious group named Jonas Yoder sued Wisconsin for the right to stop compulsory education after eighth grade. Codes called Ordnung govern communities of this ethno-religious group, and Lancaster County is a major hub of this ethnic group, which is related to Mennonite sects and speaks Pennsylvania Dutch, a dialect of German. For the point, name this ethno-religious group known for their aversion to technology.

ANSWER: **Amish** (prompt on "Mennonites" until mentioned)

(10) This city contains the Greek Revival Westminster Arcade, the first enclosed shopping mall in the United States, as well as the First Baptist Church in America. DePasquale Plaza is at the heart of this city's Federal Hill, which was originally called Nocabulabet by Native Americans. This city's Prospect Terrace Park was a frequent hangout of author H. P. Lovecraft and contains a statue of this city's founder, Roger Williams. For the point, name this New England state capital that is home to Brown University.

ANSWER: **Providence**

(11) The summit of this mountain range was renamed from Harney Peak after a Native American medicine man in 2016, and is the highest peak east of the Rockies. This mountain range also includes eroded granite pillars called the Needles, which are situated in Custer State Park. Wind Cave National Park is also situated in this mountain range, whose western edge includes Devils Tower in Wyoming. For the point, name this mountain range, which is home to the incomplete Crazy Horse Memorial and claimed by the Sioux [[SOO]].

ANSWER: **Black Hills** (or **Ĥe Sápa**; or **Pahá Sápa**)

(12) This city's neighborhood of College Terrace has streets named for universities such as Amherst, Bowdoin, and Columbia. The San Francisquito Creek flows through this city, which is overlooked by the Hoover Tower. This city, situated between Mountain View and Menlo Park, derives its name from the Spanish translation of "tall stick," a name chosen in honor of a coastal redwood tree. For the point, name this city in the California Bay Area which is adjacent to Stanford University.

ANSWER: **Palo Alto**

(13) This city is bordered to the north and east by the city of D'Iberville and to the east by the Tchoutacabouffa River. The Beauvoir plantation in this city was Jefferson Davis' post-Civil War home. One of this city's signature landmarks is its namesake cast-iron lighthouse that was erected in 1848 and withstood the brunt of Hurricane Katrina. For the points, identify this city which serves as the seat of Harrison County, Mississippi alongside Gulfport.

ANSWER: **Biloxi** (accept **Biloxi** Lighthouse)

(14) This complex is set to open an area called "Epic Universe" in 2025. This complex includes Volcano Bay, the most-visited water park in the United States. This complex includes an area called the Islands of Adventure, with themed portions such as Seuss Landing, as well as a recreation of Hogwarts Castle. For the point, name this resort in Central Florida that symbolized by a globe, the second-most visited amusement park complex in the U.S. behind Walt Disney World.

ANSWER: **Universal Orlando** Resort (prompt on "Universal" or "Universal Studios" alone)

(15) This river is impounded by the John H. Kerr Dam below Clarksville, as well as another dam at Lake Gaston. This river, which is known as the Staunton above a certain boundary, enters the Albermarle Sound at Batchelor Bay. The headwaters of this river are at Lafayette in Montgomery County, and this river joins the Dan River north of the Virginia-North Carolina boundary. For the point, identify this major Southeastern U.S. river which shares its name with a lost colony based in Dare County.

ANSWER: **Roanoke** [[roh-AH-nohk]] River

(16) A state quarter released in 2005 symbolizes this national park by depicting Watchman Peak and an evergreen tree. This national park contains an island which resembles a ghost ship and is fittingly called the "Phantom Ship." The closest major city to this national park is Medford, and this national park in Klamath County protects the deepest lake in the United States. Nestled in the Cascades, for the point, what is the only national park of Oregon?

ANSWER: **Crater Lake** National Park

(17) One body of water named for this language runs through Sonoma County California, emptying into the Pacific just north of Bodega Bay. Immigrants primarily speaking this language made up most of the *white émigrés* that came to the U.S. in the early 20th century. Brooklyn's Brighton Beach neighborhood became a popular hub for immigrants speaking this language in the 1970s. For the point, name this language that was spoken by fur trappers who founded Novo-Arkhangelsk, which is now Sitka, Alaska.

ANSWER: **Russian** (accept **Russian** River)

(18) Cartographers disagree as to whether the true stem of this river is the North Fork or the Prairie Dog Fork. General Lucius D. Clay used German prisoners of war to construct the Denison Dam on this river, which impounds Lake Texoma. The Adams-Onís Treaty designated this river, not the Rio Grande, as the boundary between the United States and Spain. The border between Texas and Oklahoma is formed by, for the point, what colorful tributary of the Mississippi River?

ANSWER: **Red** River of the **South** (prompt on "Red River;" do NOT accept "Red River of the North")

(19) A namesake river flowing past this geographic feature forms the Frying Pan Shoals while emptying past Bald Head Island. This feature was named when Sir Richard Grenville became stuck while attempting to reach Roanoke Island, and it marks the southern part of the "Graveyard of the Atlantic." A river named for this feature flows past the cities of Fayetteville and Wilmington. For the points, name this headland on the southern coast of North Carolina, which is named for its treacherous waters.

ANSWER: **Cape Fear**

(20) This non-Virginia region contains the only chemical weapons facility in the eastern U.S. at the city of Richmond, just north of Berea. A type of music named for this region was based on the success of Bill Monroe's band, and is known for its use of the banjo. This region lies to the west of the Cumberland Plateau, north of the Mississippi Plateau, and south of the Ohio River. The "Horse Capital of the World" is found in, for the point, what region of Kentucky which gives the state its nickname?

ANSWER: **Bluegrass** Region (prompt on "Kentucky" until mentioned)

(21) This bay is bounded by the city of Bayonne, and the Meadowlands wetlands end at this bay, which merges into the Kill van Kull. This bay, which receives the Passaic and Hackensack rivers, contains the port of Elizabeth, which shares the busiest container port on the U.S. East Coast with its namesake and is situated north of Staten Island and east of Liberty International Airport. For the point, identify this bay named for New Jersey's largest city.

ANSWER: **Newark** Bay

(22) This U.S. city is the largest on the Santa Cruz River, and its metropolitan area includes the Santa Catalina Range, which is home to Mt Lemmon, as well as Casas Adobes and the Tohono O'odham Reservation. This city is the northern terminus of Interstate 19, which is the only U.S. highway to use kilometer posts and connects to Nogales. This city, the seat of Pima County, is located between two portions of Saguaro [[suh-WAHR-oh]] National Park. For the points, name this second-largest city of Arizona.

ANSWER: **Tucson** [[TOO-sahn]]

(23) This area's Chekika Island is named for a Spanish-speaking tribal leader who was murdered for an attack on U.S. soldiers. Part of this location in Collier County is known as the "Big Cypress," and the northern border of this area is marked by the Tamiami Trail. A visitor center in this location is scheduled to be named for Marjory Stoneman Douglass, who described this area as a "River of Grass." For the point, name this massive wetland national park in southern Florida.

ANSWER: **Everglades** National Park

(24) This state's Greenbrier Resort was the site of "Project Greek Island" to relocate the U.S. Congress in event of catastrophe and is owned by Jim Justice, this state's governor and wealthiest resident. This state, the only one in which death rates exceed birth rates, includes Spruce Knob, the highest peak of the Allegheny Mountains, and this state is home to Morgantown and Huntington. For the point, name this state formed during the Civil War, located east of the Ohio River.

ANSWER: **West Virginia**

(25) The north shore of this lake is home to Grand Portage National Monument, which preserves the history of fur trading on the Pigeon River. This lake's Whitefish Point is known as the site of shipwrecks, including those of the SS *Cyprus* and the SS *Edmund Fitzgerald*. One bay of this lake is drained by the St. Mary's River, which flows past the city of Sault Ste. Marie [[SOO "Saint Marie"]]. Thunder Bay, Ontario and Duluth, Minnesota are ports on, for the point, what largest freshwater lake in the world, the largest of the Great Lakes?

ANSWER: Lake **Superior**

(26) This lake is home to a ghost town on Kreamer Island. This lake's inflow of Fisheating Creek is the only gap in the Herbert Hoover Dike, which was constructed after the 1928 San Felipe Segundo Hurricane. This lake, which is drained by the St. Lucie River and fed by the Kissimmee River, contains the meeting point of five counties, including Martin, Henry, and Glades Counties. For the points, identify this lake, the largest in Florida and the southern U.S.

ANSWER: Lake **Okeechobee**

(27) A building named for this facility is the world's tallest residential building and lies in the "Billionaires Row" development of skyscrapers. This facility, which contains Bethesda Terrace and Belvedere Castle, is crossed by transverses situated along 66th and 86th Streets. This facility, which contains the Metropolitan Museum of Art, separates the Upper East Side and Upper West Side. The most visited urban park in the United States is, for the point, what park situated in the middle of Manhattan?

ANSWER: **Central** Park

(28) Areas south of Idaho's Salmon River observe this standard, which is only adhered to in Oregon by Malheur County. El Paso is the only city in Texas to observe this standard, while the Navajo Nation is the only part of Arizona that is always in line with the rest of it. This standard uses the 105th meridian west as its reference point, which bisects Denver's Union Station. For the point, name this least-populated time zone in the United States, situated between the Central and Pacific time zones.

ANSWER: **Mountain** Time Zone (accept **Mountain** Standard Time, **MST**, **Mountain** Daylight Time, or **MDT**)

(29) This city includes the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, where the president began an early Front Porch Campaign in 1888. This city is nicknamed the "Railroad City," as it was the first city to plan a union train station. This city is home to the headquarters of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and annually hosts the NFL Scouting Combine at Lucas Oil Stadium. For the point, name this most populous city and capital of Indiana.

ANSWER: **Indianapolis**

(30) This national park contains summits called the Sundial and the Altar of Sacrifice, as well as the Three Patriarchs, both of which overlook the Virgin River. This national park, accessible from the city of St. George, is typified by Navajo Sandstone, and is situated west of Bryce Canyon and north of the Grand Canyon. For the points, identify this biblically named canyon and national park in southwestern Utah.

ANSWER: **Zion** National Park (or **Zion** Canyon)

(31) This river flows through the Royal Gorge near Cañon City and is visible from the state high point of Magazine Mountain. This river forms the Osage Reservation's southwestern border and marked the U.S. border to 100 degrees west, as per the Adams-Onís Treaty, before Texas was annexed. This river flows past Fort Smith, Pueblo, and Wichita. For the point, name this river which flows past Little Rock in a namesake state.

ANSWER: **Arkansas** River

(32) The Oak Street Beach is located along this lake, which receives the St. Joseph River from Baw Beese Lake. It's not Lake Erie, but this lake was used as the reference point for the southern border of the Toledo Strip, and this lake's shores include Holland and Traverse City. This lake, the largest lake by surface area to be entirely located within one country, is connected via the Strait of Mackinac [[MAH-kih-NAW]] to Lake Huron. For the point, name this lake west of its namesake state's Lower Peninsula.

ANSWER: Lake **Michigan**

(33) This city's Baseline Road runs along the 40th parallel north, from Flagstaff Mountain to Chautauqua Park. This city's Mesa Laboratory is run by the National Center for Atmospheric Research and overlooked by a rock formation called the Flatirons. This city, situated on the Front Range, shares its name with a creek that feeds the South Platte River. Northwest of Denver is, for the point, what city, home to the University of Colorado's main campus, which shares its name with a type of large rock?

ANSWER: **Boulder** (accept **Boulder** Creek)

(34) This airport in the East Elmhurst neighborhood is proposed to be connected via Air Train to Willets Point in the Corona neighborhood, which would link it with the Seven Train, also called the IRT Flushing Line. This airport, bounded by Rikers Island, was compared to a "third-world country" by Joe Biden and lies on the East River. For the points, name this smallest of New York's major airports, a facility named for a former mayor of Italian descent.

ANSWER: **LaGuardia** Airport (accept **KLGA**)

(35) William Billings was buried in this city's Central Burying Ground. A sachem named Cutshamekin may be the namesake of this city's Jamaica Plain. The Trimountain was one of the hills of this city located on the Shawmut Peninsula, which rapidly grew in area due to land reclamation. Frederick Law Olmsted designed a park in this city called the Back Bay Fens, and the Freedom Trail winds through this city and passes by the Old North Church. For the point, name this capital of Massachusetts.

ANSWER: **Boston**

Extra Question

(1) This city contains one of the world's few custom-built cross country courses, which is named for LaVern Gibson. This city's historic sites include the Eugene V. Debs Home and the former site of Fort Harrison, a key battle site in the War of 1812. This city is the seat of Vigo County, which had the second-longest streak of backing the winning presidential candidate until the 2020 election. For the point, name this city in western Indiana, whose names comes from the French for "high ground."

ANSWER: **Terre Haute** [[teh-RUH HOHT]]