2026-2027 Regional Tournament Study Guide – White Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the National Geography Bee Regional Tournaments on the White Question Set. Many of the facts below are found in the 120 questions on the White Question Set. Other facts in the study guide will be found in the other Question Sets being used this academic year. **However, the majority of questions in the tournament are not referenced in the study guide**. The study guide is meant to help you get started. It is not meant to be fully comprehensive as the essence of academic competition is not memorizing a list, but having wide-ranging knowledge.
As the questions are all short paragraphs on a particular topic, if a topic is found below, then it is a good idea to learn more about it (since additional facts about a topic will also be referenced in the question). It is also helpful to read the introduction of a Wikipedia page on a topic. Please also use the National and Regional Capitals Study Guides and our past question sets which are found here. Many of the topics that are found in past years' questions will come up this year too. Good luck!

Note: This academic year, the study guides are slightly shorter than in past years, but we are also including a list of additional terms at the end. These are also likely to be referenced at some point in the tournament, but you will need to do some research to learn about the significance of each of these.

African Geography

1. The largest lake in Africa is named for Queen Victoria.
2. An earthquake destroyed the Lighthouse of Alexandria, a Wonder of the Ancient World once located in Egypt's second-largest city by population.

Asian Geography

1. Lebanon is located in a part of the Middle East known as the Levant and has its capital at Beirut.
2. Manila serves as the capital of the Philippines and is located on the island of Luzon.
3. The Chao Phraya River flows through Bangkok, the capital of Thailand.
4. Chopsticks are a type of eating utensil used predominantly in East Asia and Southeast Asia.
5. Dubai is the largest city by population in the United Arab Emirates.
6. Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, sits on the Tigris River.

Australia & Oceania Geography

1. Bondi Beach attracts visitors to Sydney, a major city in Australia.
2. The tallest peak in Oceania is located on New Guinea, the world's second-largest island by area.
3. The population of New Zealand is almost entirely distributed between its North Island and South Island.

European Geography

1. The Aegean Sea is a part of the Mediterranean Sea located between Turkey and Greece.
2. Vatican City is the site of the Holy See, which recognizes Latin as an official language.
3. The Matterhorn is located on the border between Switzerland and Italy, within the Pennine Alps.
4. Gondolas are used to traverse the many canals of Venice.
5. Sweden is located to the east-northeast of Denmark, which occupies most of the Jutland Peninsula north of Germany.
6. Magyar is the demonym for the people of Hungary.
7. A 2019 fire dealt catastrophic damage to the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. The Golden Gate Bridge connects San Francisco to Marin County.
2. The largest lake in Utah is the Great Salt Lake.
3. Cities in Alabama include its capital, Montgomery, as well as its largest city, Huntsville.
4. Whistler Blackcomb ski resort is located north of Vancouver, the largest city in British Columbia.
5. Because of its elevation, Denver, the capital of Colorado, is known as the "Mile High City."
6. The largest city by population in Wisconsin is Milwaukee, which sits west of Lake Michigan.
7. Vermont is the least-populated state in New England and lies between New York and New Hampshire.
8. Tourists flock to the Canadian province of Alberta for the annual Stampede in Calgary.
9. Spanish is the primary language of Puerto Rico, a territory of the U.S.

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. Santiago, the capital of Chile, is named for the biblical Saint James.
2. The Rastafari religion originated in Jamaica and is closely connected with reggae music.
3. Colombia is separated from Panama by a rugged region known as the Darién Gap.
4. Rio de Janeiro is the second-largest city by population in Brazil, after São Paulo.

Terms for Further Study

1. Lake Okeechobee
2. Andorra
3. Tokyo Skytree
4. Delaware
5. Marrakesh
6. Black Sea
7. Tacoma
8. Naples
9. Johannesburg
10. Saskatchewan
11. London
12. Badlands National Park
13. Serbia
14. Idaho
15. Kuwait
16. Drake Passage
17. Gilroy, California
18. Nikkei 225
19. Lima
20. Indiana
21. Waitangi
22. Naples
23. Lake Balkhash
24. Antwerp
25. Iguazu Falls
26. Prime Meridian
27. Dabbawala
28. Ethiopia
29. Strait of Malacca
30. Texas panhandle