



National Geography Bee

2023-2024 Regional Finals Study Guide – Red Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first resource in preparing for the National Geography Bee Regional Finals on the Red Question Set. Most of the facts below are found at some point in the 120 questions that compose the Red Question Set. Thus we have selected these facts for this study guide to help make your preparation easier and more efficient. Remember that the questions are all short paragraphs on a particular topic, so if a topic is referenced below, then it is a good idea to learn a bit more about it on your own than what is listed here (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 to gain additional historical context about why it is significant. Please also use the National Capitals Study Guide and our past question sets (especially Geography Bee Regional Finals questions from past years) which are both found [here](#). Many of the topics that are found in past years' questions will again be found in the questions at this year's Regional Finals, and at the National Championships too. Good luck!

African Geography

1. The [Mozambique Channel](#) is a component of the [Indian Ocean](#), which separates mainland Africa from the island of [Madagascar](#).
2. [Nigeria](#) is the most populous country in Africa, and is dominated by the Igbo, Yoruba and Hausa ethnic groups.
3. [Johannesburg](#) is the largest city in South Africa.
4. The [Gulf of Guinea](#), located on the Atlantic coast of Africa, drains rivers such as the [Niger](#) and the [Volta](#).
5. The [Sahara Desert](#) is the world's largest desert, located in Northern Africa.
6. In Tanzania stands [Mount Kilimanjaro](#), the highest mountain in Africa.

Asian Geography

1. The capital of Nepal is [Kathmandu](#), a city which has accessible views to Mount Everest.
2. Along with [Hong Kong](#), [Macau](#) is one of the two [Special Administrative Regions of China](#).
3. [Hokkaido](#) is the northernmost major island of [Japan](#). The island's largest city is [Sapporo](#).
4. Bamiyan is a province of [Afghanistan](#) that once hosted a pair of massive Buddha statues.
5. Sometimes said to be the oldest capital in the world, [Damascus](#) is a city located in southwestern [Syria](#).

Oceania Geography

1. [Uluru](#) (formerly Ayers Rock) is a red sandstone isolated mountain located in the [Australian Outback](#).
2. Topographically speaking, [New Zealand](#)'s South Island is dominated by the Southern Alps, which are home to its highest peak, Mount Cook, or Aoraki.

European Geography

1. The [Alps](#) are one of the most extensive mountain ranges in the world and boast the tallest peak in Western Europe, Mont Blanc.
2. The [Caspian Sea](#) is a large salt lake located in Eurasia.
3. [Denmark](#) is a European country governed from Copenhagen, and administers the self-governing areas of [Greenland](#) and the Faroe Islands.
4. [Bucharest](#) is the capital of Romania and the final capital of the historical region of Wallachia.
5. The [Netherlands](#) is a European nation governed from Amsterdam. Its city of Rotterdam is the world's busiest container port.
6. Located in [Saint Petersburg](#), the [Lakhta Center](#) (1,516 feet) is the tallest building in Russia and the entire European continent.
7. [Bulgaria](#)'s largest city is its capital, [Sofia](#), situated in a namesake valley.
8. Popular cities in [Switzerland](#) include its capital, Bern, and Zurich, its largest city.

U.S. and Canadian Geography

1. [Chimney Rock](#), a large landform located in [Nebraska](#), was once used as a landmark by travelers along the [Oregon Trail](#).
2. [Calgary](#) is the largest city in the Canadian province of [Alberta](#).
3. [Oregon](#) is hydrologically bound by the Snake and Columbia Rivers.
4. The city of Memphis, in Tennessee, contains the tenth-largest [pyramid](#) in the world.
5. [Maine](#), the easternmost point of the United States, includes major cities such as Lewiston, Portland, and Bangor.
6. The capital of [New Mexico](#), Santa Fe, is the oldest state capital in the U.S.
7. [Vancouver Island](#) in British Columbia contains the capital, Victoria, but does not contain the province's largest city, [Vancouver](#), the main Pacific port of Canada.
8. The capital of Hawaii, [Honolulu](#), boasts attractions such as Waikiki Beach and Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. [Colombia](#) is the northernmost country in South America, and is governed from Bogota.
2. The [Atacama Desert](#) is the driest non-polar desert in the world.
3. The [Caribbean Sea](#) is a marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean that includes the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, and the Windward and Leeward Islands.

4. The [Galápagos Islands](#) are a possession of Ecuador and are known for biodiverse wildlife.
5. On the western seaboard of South America is [Chile](#), which has a width averaging only 110 miles.