



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. Also known as “JoBurg,” the city forms the largest landlocked urban area in the world with [Pretoria](#) and [Soweto](#).
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. It is inhabited by the [Tuareg](#) people and bordered by the [Sahel](#) and the savannahs of the Sudan.
6. [Mount Kilimanjaro](#), the highest mountain in Africa and the highest mountain in the world that is not part of a range, is located in [Tanzania](#) just south of its border with [Kenya](#).

Asian Geography

1. The [Narayanhiti Palace](#) is located in [Kathmandu](#), the capital of [Nepal](#).
2. Along with [Hong Kong](#), [Macau](#) is one of the two [Special Administrative Regions of China](#) and is a former colony of Portugal.
3. [Hokkaido](#) is the northernmost major island of [Japan](#). Located south of [Sakhalin](#), 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 inselberg, or isolated mountain, located in the [Australian Outback](#). The nearest major municipality to Uluru is [Alice Springs](#).

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 lake located in [Eurasia](#).

3. [Denmark](#) is a European country governed from its capital, [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 [Waal River](#) is the main distributary of the Rhine, and 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, the latter being its largest city and notable for being the leading financial center in the heart of Europe.

U.S. and Canadian Geography

1. [Chimney Rock](#) is a large landform located in [Nebraska](#). Once used as a landmark by travelers along the [Oregon Trail](#), the formation sits in the [North Platte River](#) valley.

2. [Calgary](#) is the largest city in the Canadian province of [Alberta](#). Calgary hosted the [1988 Winter Olympics](#).

3. [Oregon](#) is hydrologically bound by the [Snake](#) and [Willamette Rivers](#). Oregon is also home to [Crater Lake](#), the deepest lake in the country.

4. The city of [Memphis](#), in Tennessee, contains the tenth-largest [pyramid](#) in the world, which houses a Bass Pro Shop megastore.

5. [Maine](#), the easternmost point of the United States and the closest U.S. state to Africa, is located at the northernmost extension of [New England](#). Major cities in Maine include [Lewiston](#), [Portland](#), and [Bangor](#).

6. The highest percentage of Hispanic and Latino residents in the United States reside in [New Mexico](#), whose capital, [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 ['Iolani Palace](#) in [Honolulu](#) is the only royal residence in the United States. In addition to the palace, Honolulu boasts other attractions such as [Waikiki Beach](#) and [Pearl Harbor National Memorial](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. [Colombia](#) is the northernmost country in South America, governed from its capital of [Bogota](#). [Panama](#) was once a district of Colombia until its 1903 independence.
2. The [Atacama Desert](#) is the driest non-polar desert in the world. Located primarily on the coast of [Chile](#), the desert near the [Andes Mountains](#) contains [Ojos del Salado](#), the tallest volcano in the world.
3. The [Caribbean Sea](#) is a marginal sea of the Atlantic Ocean, located north of Venezuela, that includes the [Cayman Islands](#), [Jamaica](#), and the [Windward](#) and [Leeward](#) Islands.
4. One of the most biodiverse sites in the world, the [Galápagos Islands](#) are a possession of [Ecuador](#) and the home of such species as the blue-footed boobie. Due to its environmental significance, the island chain was the first location enshrined as a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#).