



National Geography Bee

2023-2024 Regional Finals Study Guide – White Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first resource in preparing for the International Geography Bee Regional Finals on the White Question Set. Most of the facts below are found at some point in the 120 questions that compose the White 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 International 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 source of the White Nile is [Lake Victoria](#), which lies between Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.
2. Three cities—[Bloemfontein](#), [Cape Town](#), and [Pretoria](#)—serve as capital cities of [South Africa](#) as a reflection of the country's three branches of government.
3. The skeleton Lucy was found in [Ethiopia](#), which is governed from Addis Ababa.
4. [Mombasa](#) was the capital of [Kenya](#) until 1907, when the country's capital shifted to present-day capital [Nairobi](#).
5. The deepest river in the world is the [Congo River](#).
6. Zaire was once the name of the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#).

European Geography

1. The headquarters of NATO is located in [Brussels, Belgium](#).
2. The westernmost capital on the Iberian Peninsula is [Lisbon](#), which sits on the mouth of the Tagus River.
3. The largest dependent territory on Earth is [Greenland](#), which is currently a constituent country of [Denmark](#).
4. Countries considered the "Baltic states" are [Estonia](#), [Latvia](#), and [Lithuania](#), which are all located on the [sea's](#) eastern border.
5. The unfinished church [La Sagrada Familia](#) is in [Barcelona](#), the capital of Catalonia, in [Spain](#).
6. The [British Isles](#) are separated from the continental northwestern Europe by the [North Sea](#).
7. [Liechtenstein](#) and [Uzbekistan](#) are the only doubly landlocked countries.
8. [Hungary's](#) capital, [Budapest](#), is home to St. Stephen's Basilica and Heroes' Square.

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. Giant tortoises roam around the Galapagos Islands off the coast of [Ecuador](#).
2. On the southern end of [South America](#) is a region called [Patagonia](#), which is shared by Chile and Argentina.
3. Northwest of the Caribbean Sea is the [Gulf of Mexico](#) which stretches from Havana to Houston.
4. Reggae music originated in [Jamaica](#) during the late 1960s.
5. San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa are prominent cities in [Honduras](#).
6. Perhaps the largest environmental disasters in world history occurred between April to September 2010 when an estimated 210,000,000 U.S. gallons of petroleum spilled in the Gulf of Mexico in an event called the [Deepwater Horizon oil spill](#).

Oceania Geography

1. [New Zealand](#) is inhabited by the Maori and contains the cities Wellington and Auckland.
2. Uluru, once known as Ayers Rock, is considered holy to the [Aboriginal people of Australia](#).

US and Canadian Geography

1. The largest city in [British Columbia](#) is [Vancouver](#).
2. The [Missouri River](#) is the longest river in the United States.
3. [Wisconsin](#) is an upper Midwestern state that is governed from Madison. Its other notable cities include Milwaukee, Green Bay, and Kenosha.
4. Within [Salt Lake City](#) is the [Temple Square](#) complex, which houses the Church Office Building of the Mormon Church.
5. The [Hoover Dam](#) is located 25 miles from [Las Vegas](#), which is home to a namesake "Strip."
6. The hottest and driest place in North America is [Death Valley](#), which is situated in Eastern [California](#).
7. The most populous island in the United States is [Long Island](#), which is home to over 8 million people.
8. [New Hampshire](#), home to the [White Mountains](#), is where the first presidential primaries occur.
9. [Montana](#) and [North Dakota](#) are the northernmost states to mark the [Great Plains](#) of the U.S.
10. Among [Chicago](#)'s most notable tourist attractions include a bean-shaped structure called Cloud Gate, as well as Wrigley Field, which serves as the home field of the city's baseball team, the Cubs.
11. The [Virgin Islands](#) is divided into the Spanish Virgin Islands of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the British Virgin Islands.
12. The city of [West Point](#), New York is home to the United States Military Academy.
13. The [Potomac River](#) forms part of the border between Maryland and [Washington D.C.](#)

Asian Geography

1. In November 2005, [Naypyidaw](#) officially replaced [Yangon](#) as the capital of [Myanmar](#).
2. A type of computer language and a slang term for coffee share their name with [Java](#), the most populous island of Indonesia.
3. The states of [Karnataka](#) and [Maharashtra](#) border the city-state of [Goa](#), which was once a colony of [Portugal](#).
4. [Borneo](#), the third-largest island in the world, is politically split between Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia.
5. The [Mekong](#), which runs through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and southern Vietnam, is the longest river in Southeast Asia.
6. The [Himalayas](#) is a mountain range crossing Nepal, China, Pakistan, Bhutan, and India. The highest peak of the Himalayas is Mount Everest, which reaches 29,031 feet.