



# National Geography Bee

## 2025-2026 Regional Tournament Study Guide – Red Question Set

**Instructions:** This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the [National Geography Bee Regional Tournaments](#) on the Red Question Set. Many of the facts below are found in the 120 questions on the Red 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. [Egypt's](#) two major cities of [Cairo](#) and [Alexandria](#) are both located on the [Nile River](#), the world's longest.
2. Ethiopia is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is the most populous landlocked country and its capital is [Addis Ababa](#).

### Asian Geography

1. [Mandarin](#) and [Cantonese](#) are Chinese languages. Mandarin is the world's most spoken first language.
2. [Japan](#) is home to four main islands, the largest of which is [Honshu](#), which includes cities such as Tokyo and Hiroshima.
3. According to Islamic tradition, [the prophet Muhammad](#) was born in [Mecca, Saudi Arabia](#).
4. [Amman](#) is the capital of [Jordan](#), a [Middle Eastern](#) country which shares the Dead Sea with Israel.
5. [India](#) is a large South Asian country home to the cities of [Mumbai](#) and [New Delhi](#). In 2023, it passed [China](#) to become the world's most populous country.
6. [Hong Kong](#) is a [Special Administrative Region](#) of China, that reverted to Chinese control from the United Kingdom in 1997.

### Australia & Oceania Geography

1. [Brisbane](#) is the largest city in the [Australian state](#) of [Queensland](#).
2. [Antarctica](#) is the world's southernmost continent, is classified completely as a [desert](#), and is the only continent with no permanent human residents.
3. Some of the unique animals found in the wild only in [Australia](#) are the [duckbill platypus](#), [kangaroo](#) and [koala](#).

### European Geography

1. [Iceland](#), whose capital [Reykjavik](#) is the world's northernmost, is the only Nordic country not to lie on the European mainland.
2. The [world's largest lake by area](#) is the [Caspian Sea](#), which receives inflow from the [Ural](#) and [Volga](#) rivers.
3. [Munich](#), the capital of the [German](#) state of [Bavaria](#), hosts [Oktoberfest](#), one of the world's largest festivals.
4. [Russia](#), the world's largest country in area, is governed from its capital, [Moscow](#).
5. [Vatican City](#), a microstate within [Rome](#), is the world's smallest nation in area and the headquarters of the [Roman Catholic Church](#).
6. [Monaco](#), a small city-state on the [French Riviera](#).
7. The [flag of the United Kingdom](#) is displayed on the flags of other [Commonwealth](#) countries such as [Australia](#).

## U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. The U.S. state of [Texas](#) contains a [panhandle](#) in its north that is home to the city of [Amarillo](#).
2. [Nashville](#) is the capital of [Tennessee](#). It is known as “Music City” and is the home of the [Grand Ole Opry](#).
3. The [Space Needle](#) is an iconic [Seattle](#) landmark.
4. [Ontario](#) is the most populous province in [Canada](#), with its capital at [Toronto](#), Canada’s largest city.
5. [Dover](#) (the capital) and [Wilmington](#) (the largest city) are among the major population centers of [Delaware](#).
6. [Lake Michigan](#) is the only [Great Lake](#) to be located completely in the USA. [Chicago](#) and Milwaukee are located on its shores.
7. [Arizona](#) takes its [state nickname](#) from the [Grand Canyon](#), which was formed by the [Colorado River](#).
8. Rivers of the U.S. state of [Georgia](#) include the [Savannah](#) and the [Chattahoochee](#).
9. [Wyoming](#) is the [least-populous US state](#).

## Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. [Uruguay](#) is a South American country located between [Argentina](#) and [Brazil](#) that forms the northern coast of the [Rio de la Plata](#).
2. The [Amazon River](#) is the longest river in the Americas. It rises in [Peru](#) and flows across a namesake [rainforest](#).
3. [Mexico](#) is home to the cities of [Guadalajara](#) and [Cancun](#), and has a [flag displaying an eagle eating a snake on a cactus](#).
4. Within the Caribbean, the [Virgin Islands](#) is an archipelago shared by the [US](#) and the [United Kingdom](#).

## Terms for Further Study

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| 1. <a href="#">Mississippi River</a> | 11. <a href="#">London</a>                    | 21. <a href="#">Waitangi</a>        |
| 2. <a href="#">Pyrenees</a>          | 12. <a href="#">Yellowstone National Park</a> | 22. <a href="#">Naples</a>          |
| 3. <a href="#">Taipei 101</a>        | 13. <a href="#">Greece</a>                    | 23. <a href="#">Kyber Pass</a>      |
| 4. <a href="#">Florida</a>           | 14. <a href="#">Louisiana</a>                 | 24. <a href="#">Gouda</a>           |
| 5. <a href="#">Bamiyan Valley</a>    | 15. <a href="#">Iraq</a>                      | 25. <a href="#">Aconcagua</a>       |
| 6. <a href="#">Bosporus</a>          | 16. <a href="#">Easter Island</a>             | 26. <a href="#">North Pole</a>      |
| 7. <a href="#">Washington, D.C.</a>  | 17. <a href="#">Hershey, Pennsylvania</a>     | 27. <a href="#">Favela</a>          |
| 8. <a href="#">Grand Canal</a>       | 18. <a href="#">The Bund</a>                  | 28. <a href="#">Tanzania</a>        |
| 9. <a href="#">Nairobi</a>           | 19. <a href="#">Bogotá</a>                    | 29. <a href="#">Malay Peninsula</a> |
| 10. <a href="#">British Columbia</a> | 20. <a href="#">Michigan</a>                  | 30. <a href="#">Gulf of Mexico</a>  |