

National U.S. Geography Bee – Round 1 (3rd-5th)

Regulation Tossups

(1) Industrial pollution in this state was referenced in the Standells song "Dirty Water," which is often played at Fenway Park. The John W. Weeks Bridge can be found in this state and connects one city to Harvard University. For the point, name this state where the Charles River flows through Boston.

ANSWER: **Massachusetts**

(2) This state contains the most-populous U.S. county to vote for Donald Trump in 2024. The State Farm Stadium in this state hosted the 2023 Super bowl in Glendale. For the point, identify this state where Maricopa County is home to Phoenix.

ANSWER: **Arizona**

(3) This city was ravaged by Category Four Hurricane Harvey in September of 2017. This city hosts NASA's Johnson Space Center, which is home to the U.S. Astronaut Corps and International Space Station operations. For the point, identify this most populous city in Texas, named for the first president of the Republic of Texas.

ANSWER: **Houston**

(4) This range is separated by the Fraser River from the Coast Mountains. This mountain range names a hypothetical independent state that would display a Douglas fir on its flag. For the point, name this mountain range, which is divided by the Columbia River Gorge and dominates Oregon and Washington.

ANSWER: **Cascade** Range (or the **Cascades**; accept **Cascadia**)

(5) This tribe names a city at the furthest navigational point of the Missouri River. The largest city of northwestern Iowa is named for this tribe, which inhabits the Standing Rock Reservation. For the point, name this Native American tribe that includes the Lakota and Dakota subsets.

ANSWER: **Sioux** [[SOO]] (or **Oceti Sakowin**; accept **Sioux** City)

(6) Pelham Bay and Little Neck Bay are inlets of a sound named for this island. A sound named for this island includes ports such as New Rochelle and Bridgeport, and merges with the East River. For the point, identify this island of New York, most-populous in the contiguous United States.

ANSWER: **Long** Island (accept **Long** Island Sound)

(7) The Agate House Pueblo is a reconstructed building in this national park, which is made of this park's namesake material. The Painted Desert Inn is a historic complex in this national park in Northeastern Arizona. For the point, identify this national park named for its deposits of fossilized wood.

ANSWER: **Petrified Forest** National Park

(8) This southern region is the most extensive highland region between the Rockies and Appalachians. This region, whose highest peak is Wahzhazhe Summit, includes the cities of Bentonville and Branson. For the point, name this highland region in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

ANSWER: **Ozark** Mountains (or **Ozark** Plateau; prompt on "Arkansas" before "Branson" is mentioned)

(9) This archipelago's unpopulated Motu O Manu, or Rose Atoll, is the southernmost piece of land controlled by the United States. This archipelago's main islands include Tutuila, Upolu, and Savaii. For the point, name this Polynesian archipelago east of Fiji, which is home to Apia.

ANSWER: **Samoa**n Islands (accept American **Samoa**)

(10) A national park named for this person includes the Maltese Cross Cabin and the Elkhorn Ranch. A national park named for this person is one of only three national parks in the Great Plains. For the point, identify this namesake of a national park in western North Dakota, the 26th U.S. president.

ANSWER: **Theodore Roosevelt** National Park

(11) One river with this name flows past the original assembly plant of Chevrolet. The lead-contaminated waters of a river with this name led to a state of emergency for Genesee County. For the point, identify this name held by a Michigan city that experienced a "water crisis."

ANSWER: **Flint** River (accept **Flint** Water Crisis)

(12) This neighborhood, named after the capital of North Holland, originated the jazz song "Stompin' at the Savoy." Malcolm X Boulevard meets 125th Street in this neighborhood, which is home to the Apollo Theatre. For the point, name this neighborhood in Upper Manhattan, the site of a 1920s "Renaissance."

ANSWER: **Harlem** (accept **Harlem** Renaissance)

(13) This dish features celery, onions, and bell peppers, which make up the "Holy Trinity" of Creole cooking. Shellfish, or another type of meat, is used in this dish, which may have taken its name from an African word for okra. For the point, name this stew, the state dish of Louisiana.

ANSWER: **gumbo**

(14) One of these features is home to Chico and Yuba City, has its largest cities at Bakersfield and Fresno. A feature of this type in California is named Central and encompasses 18 counties, including Merced and San Joaquin [[WAH-keen]]. For the point, identify this type of lowland feature found between hills and mountains.

ANSWER: **Valley** (accept **Central** Valley; accept San Joaquin **Valley**)

(15) One river that flows through this national park has tributaries that include the Tongue River and the Powder River. That river named for this national park flows past Billings and the city of Custer. The longest tributary of the Missouri River shares its name with, for the point, what national park of Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho?

ANSWER: **Yellowstone** National Park (accept **Yellowstone** River)

(16) This city hosted sailing competitions in the nearby Wassaw Sound during the 1996 Summer Olympics, which were based in another city in the same state. The Ogeechee River forms the southern limit of this city, which is separated from South Carolina by a namesake river. For the point, name this coastal city of Georgia.

ANSWER: **Savannah** (accept **Savannah** River)

(17) Some of the larger cities in this state include Meridian and Moscow. Lake Coeur d'Alene can be found in this state of the Pacific Northwest, which is bordered by Wyoming and Oregon. For the point, name this state that is home to the cities of Nampa and Boise.

ANSWER: **Idaho**

(18) This city houses the McKinley Monument near the site of William McKinley's assassination. Located on the eastern end of Lake Erie, this city is the home of NFL stars James Cook and Josh Allen. For the point, identify this city at the head of the Niagara River in western New York.

ANSWER: **Buffalo** (accept **Buffalo** Bills)

(19) Within this region, the namesake "castle" of one institution controls the world's largest museum complex. This region, which was planned by Pierre Charles L'Enfant, includes The Ellipse and the Federal Triangle. For the point, name this region that is home to the Lincoln Memorial and the U.S. Capitol.

ANSWER: Washington, **D.C.** (or **District of Columbia**; prompt on "Washington")

(20) This city, which is the largest city proper in the Southeastern United States, houses the TIAA Bank Field, which hosts the annual Gator Bowl game. This city, located in its state's far northeast, is located north of Saint Augustine and east of Tallahassee. For the point, name this most-populous city in Florida.

ANSWER: **Jacksonville**

(21) This remote facility was the subject of a viral Facebook event where it was "raided" in 2019. Homey Airport and Groom Lake are alternative names for this facility, which is accessible via the Extraterrestrial Highway. For the point, name this secretive facility of the United States Air Force in rural Nevada, known for its UFO sightings.

ANSWER: **Area 51** (accept **Homey Airport** or **Groom Lake** before mentioned)

(22) This city's State Line Road notably runs through the border between Jackson and Johnson Counties, each in separate states. The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum can be found in this city, the home of Kaufman Stadium and the Royals. For the point, name this most-populous city in Missouri.

ANSWER: **Kansas City** (or **KC**; accept **Kansas City** Royals)

(23) A national park named for this landform's "verde," or "green" examples, contains many cliff-dwellings in southwestern Colorado. These landforms take their name from a Spanish word meaning "table." For the point, identify these flat-topped mountains which are common in deserts and name the second-largest city of the Phoenix metro area.

ANSWER: mesas (accept Mesa Verde National Park; accept Mesa, Arizona)

(24) This state's namesake "Dells" were left unscathed by a glaciation that once covered North America. This state, where Lake Winnebago is partly fed by the Fox River, contains Racine and Waukesha counties. For the point, name this U.S. state that has its capital at Madison?

ANSWER: Wisconsin accept (Wisconsin Dells)

(25) The city of St. George allows access to this state's Zion National Park. A large private university is located in this state's city of Provo, and that school, Brigham Young University, also has a campus in this state's capital, which is named for a nearby body of water. For the point, name this state governed from Salt Lake City.

ANSWER: Utah

(26) This state contained a former mine operated by Anaconda Copper called the Berkeley Pit. This state, the only one to border three Canadian provinces, is the home of cities such as Bozeman and Missoula. For the point, name this Big Sky state that contains cities like Butte [[BYOOT]] and Helena.

ANSWER: Montana

(27) A two-story example of this restaurant in Chicago was named for the rock and roll memorabilia on its walls. Downey, California contains the oldest of these restaurants still in operation, while the first of these restaurants was in San Bernardino. For the point, name these fast-food restaurants known worldwide for their golden arches.

ANSWER: McDonald's

(28) This state's southern portion includes cities such as Carbondale and Cairo [[KAY-roh]] at the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This state's Cook County is the U.S.' second-most populous and is home to the "Magnificent Mile" on Michigan Avenue. For the point, name this state that is home to Chicago.

ANSWER: Illinois

(29) Along with Annapolis, this city is the only state capital to serve as a former national capital of the U.S. One suburb of this city was where Hessian Troops were defeated by George Washington after he crossed the Delaware River. For the point, name this capital of New Jersey.

ANSWER: Trenton (accept Battle of Trenton)

(30) This state's ocean coastline stretches from Seabrook to Portsmouth and is the shortest of any state. This state's population is concentrated in the Merrimack Valley, in cities such as Franklin and Manchester. For the point, name this state in New England which is located directly east of Vermont.

ANSWER: **New Hampshire**

Extra Question

(1) One river of this name flows north of Williamsburg. A Pennsylvania city of this name forms a metropolitan area with Hanover and briefly held the national capital of the United States after Lancaster. For the point, identify this name of the town where the final battle of the Revolutionary War took place.

ANSWER: **York** (accept **York** River; accept **York**town)