

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

**Instructions:** This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the <u>National Geography Bee Regional Tournaments</u> on the Blue Question Set. Many of the facts below are found in the 120 questions on the Blue 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 <u>found here</u>. 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. Lake Malawi (also known as Lake Nyasa) is bordered by Zambia, Mozambique, and Tanzania.
- 2. Egypt is home to the Sinai Peninsula, which links Israel and the rest of West Asia to Africa.

#### **Asian Geography**

- 1. The Jordan River flows through its namesake country and its course includes Jericho.
- 2. The Pearl River Delta includes Macau, which is located across from Hong Kong.
- 3. Seoul is the capital and largest city of South Korea.
- 4. The <u>Timurid Empire</u> once had its capital at <u>Samarkand</u> in <u>Uzbekistan</u>.
- 5. The Great Wall of China stretches across its namesake country for at least 13,000 miles.
- 6. Lake Baikal in Eastern Siberia is the deepest lake in the world.

## Australia & Oceania Geography

- 1. Svdney is the capital of the Australian state New South Wales.
- 2. New Zealand's tallest mountain, Mount Cook, is located on the country's South Island.

## **European Geography**

- 1. Saint Petersburg, the second-largest city of Russia, is located on the Neva River.
- 2. Valletta is the capital of Malta, a European island country in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 3. Innsbruck and Vienna (the capital) are two of the most prominent cities of Austria.
- 4. The <u>Parliament</u> of <u>Denmark</u> meets in <u>Copenhagen</u> at the <u>Christiansborg Palace</u>.
- 5. <u>Bucharest</u> is the capital of <u>Romania</u>, a country of <u>Southern Europe</u> that borders <u>Moldova</u>.
- 6. Toulouse is the fourth-largest city of France after Paris, Marseille, and Lyon.
- 7. The Atlantic coast of Norway is known for its many fjords, a type of narrow inlet.

## U.S. & Canadian Geography

- 1. The <u>Canadian province</u> of <u>Ontario</u> is home to <u>Toronto</u>, as well as the <u>CN Tower</u>.
- 2. Maryland encompasses the northern half of Chesapeake Bay.
- 3. New York's Long Island contains the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn.
- 4. The largest state capital by population is Phoenix, Arizona.
- 5. Boston, the largest city of Massachusetts, is located across the Charles River from Cambridge.
- 6. Honolulu, the capital of Hawaii, is located on the island of Oahu.
- 7. <u>Wisconsin's largest city</u>, <u>Milwaukee</u> is famous for its German-American population, and the Brewers baseball team and the Bucks basketball team.
- 8. The Niagara River creates part of the border between Canada and the US.

## **Latin American and Caribbean Geography**

- 1. The largest Central American country by population is Guatemala.
- 2. Cuba is the largest island in the Caribbean Sea.
- 3. <u>Bogotá</u>, the capital of <u>Colombia</u>, is the <u>third-largest city in South America</u>.
- 4. <u>Nicolás Maduro</u> has been the president of <u>Venezuela</u> from its capital, <u>Caracas</u> since 2013. The Trump Administration is seeking his overthrow.

## **Terms for Further Study**

1. Windward Passage	11. Everglades National Park	22. South Carolina
2. London Heathrow Airport	12. Himalayas	23. <u>Red Square</u>
3. <u>Han River</u>	13. <u>Geysers</u>	24. <u>Charles River</u>
4. River Liffey	14. <u>Oahu</u>	25. Mediterranean islands
5. Guantanamo Bay	15. Land reclamation	26. <u>Largest cities in Texas</u>
6. <u>Museo Reina Sofía</u>	16. Wisconsin	27. <u>Yucatán Peninsula</u>
7. <u>Budapest</u>	17. <u>Tiber River</u>	28. <u>Ural Mountains</u>
8. Baltic countries	18. <u>Tuscany</u>	29. <u>China-Pakistan border</u>
9. Negev Desert	19. Gulf of Tonkin	30. <u>Orinoco River</u>
10. <u>Sumatra</u>	20. World's largest lakes	
	21. Øresund Strait	