



International Geography Bee

2022-2023 Regional Finals Study Guide – Blue Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first resource in preparing for the International Geography Bee Regional Finals on the Blue Question Set. Most of the facts below are found at some point in the 120 questions that compose the Blue 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 [Atlas Mountains](#) are a range that spans much of Northern Africa.
2. Victoria Falls is located on the [Zambezi River](#), which flows eastward across Southern Africa.
3. The [Gambia](#) is almost entirely enclosed by [Senegal](#), which contains the westernmost part of mainland Africa.
4. [Swahili](#) is a language of the Bantu family that is spoken officially in Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania.
5. [Madagascar](#) is an island off eastern Africa that is home to the ring-tail lemur.
6. The island of Mayotte is claimed by the [Comoros](#), a country located in the Mozambique Channel.

European Geography

1. [Oslo](#), the capital of Norway, is home to the Nobel Peace Center.
2. The [Danube](#) flows from the Black Forest into the Black Sea.
3. The [Matterhorn](#) is a mountain of the Alps that resembles an Egyptian pyramid.
4. [Hungary](#) is a landlocked country in Central Europe that also contains the largest lake in Central Europe, Lake Balaton.
5. The tallest peak in Greece is [Mount Olympus](#).
6. [Wales](#) is separated from the rest of the United Kingdom by Offa's Dyke.
7. The three most populous cities in Russia are [Moscow](#), [Saint Petersburg](#), and [Novosibirsk](#).
8. Triesenberg and Schaan are the largest municipalities of [Liechtenstein](#) in area and population, respectively.

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. Animals that live on the [Galápagos Islands](#) include the archipelago's namesake tortoise, which can live over 100 years.
2. Sucre and Cusco are among the cities that contain the [Andes Mountains](#).
3. [Suriname](#) is the only Dutch-speaking country in South America.
4. [Santo Domingo](#) is the oldest permanent city in the Americas.
5. [Easter Island](#) contains massive statues carved by the Rapa Nui people.

Oceania Geography

1. The Southern Alps stretch across the western side of [New Zealand](#)'s South Island.
2. [The Federated States of Micronesia](#) include the islands of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

US and Canadian Geography

1. The [Milk River](#) is a river shared by Montana and the Canadian province of Alberta.
2. Mexico and Orange County border [San Diego County](#), which is named for the second-most populous city in California.
3. Maine's capital, [Augusta](#), is the easternmost state capital in the U.S.
4. Whitehorse is the capital of the [Yukon Territory](#), the site of the Klondike Gold Rush.
5. [Great Salt Lake](#) is the largest saltwater lake in the Western Hemisphere.
6. The [Hudson River](#), which originates from the Adirondacks, is named for an English explorer.
7. [British Columbia](#) is a Canadian province on the Pacific whose largest city is named for George Vancouver.
8. [Mississippi](#) is a southern U.S. state which includes the Civil War battle sites of Vicksburg and Jackson
9. Four major boroughs are connected by the [New York Subway System](#), the busiest metro system in the Americas.
10. [Lake Michigan](#) is the only Great Lake located entirely within the U.S.
11. [Quebec](#) is a French-speaking eastern province of Canada.
12. The Delaware Memorial Bridge is one terminus of the [New Jersey Turnpike](#).

Asian Geography

1. The [Philippines](#) is governed in the city of Manila, which is located on the island of Luzon.
2. The over 2,500-mile long [Great Wall of China](#) was built to protect the country's northern borders from invaders, such as the Mongols.
3. [Jeddah](#) is a Saudi Arabian port on the Red Sea that is known as the gateway to Mecca.
4. The largest stadium in the Middle East is located in [Qatar](#), which was the host country of the 2022 FIFA World Cup.
5. Siem Reap, [Cambodia](#)'s second-largest city, contains the temple complex, Angkor Wat.
6. [Papua New Guinea](#) is the most linguistically diverse country in the world.
7. Shanghai is located near the outflow of the [Yangtze River](#).
8. [Yemen](#) forms the southwestern corner of the Arabian Peninsula.