



International Geography Bee

2022-2023 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. The Serengeti is overlooked by [Mount Kilimanjaro](#), the highest mountain in Africa, located near the Kenya-Tanzania border.
3. The skeleton Lucy was found in [Ethiopia](#), which has its capital at Addis Ababa.
4. Zaire was once the name of the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#).
5. The American Colonization Society founded [Monrovia](#), which was named after the fifth U.S. president.
6. [Zanzibar](#) was united with mainland Tanganyika [[tahn-gahn-NYEE-kah]] to form Tanzania in 1964.

European Geography

1. [Slovenia](#) is a Northern Balkan nation with capital at Ljubljana [[loob-LAH-nah]]
2. The Seven Hills and the Baths of Caracalla are located in [Rome](#).
3. The largest dependent territory on Earth is [Greenland](#), which is currently a constituent country of the Kingdom of Denmark.
4. Petrograd and Leningrad were once the names for [Saint Petersburg](#), the site of the Hermitage.
5. The unfinished church La Sagrada Familia is in [Barcelona](#), the capital of Catalonia, in Spain.
6. The westernmost capital on the Iberian Peninsula is [Lisbon](#), which sits on the mouth of the Tagus River.
7. South Ossetia [[oh-SET-yuh]], Abkhazia, and Russia use the [ruble](#) as their official currency.
8. Belfast is the capital of [Northern Ireland](#), a constituent country of the United Kingdom.

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. Giant tortoises roam around the Galapagos Islands off the coast of [Ecuador](#).
2. Patagonia is shared by Chile and [Argentina](#), the latter of which is governed from Buenos Aires.
3. Northwest of the Caribbean Sea is the [Gulf of Mexico](#) which stretches from Havana to Houston.
4. San Pedro de Sula and Tegucigalpa are prominent cities in [Honduras](#).
5. The Liberdade neighborhood is in [São Paulo](#), the largest city in Brazil.

Oceania Geography

1. [New Zealand](#) is inhabited by the Maori [[MOW-ree]] 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. John Wesley Powell mapped the length of the [Grand Canyon](#) in Arizona.
2. [South Carolina](#) is home to Charleston Harbor and is governed from Columbia.
3. The [Amazon River](#) is the longest river of South America and has the highest discharge output in the world.
4. [Manhattan](#) is the largest borough of New York by population and includes sites like Times Square.
5. The Hoover Dam is located 25 miles from [Las Vegas](#), which is home to a namesake "Strip."
6. Napa Valley, a region of [California](#), is home to a microclimate ideal for winemaking.
7. The Cook Inlet separates the Kenai Peninsula from [Anchorage](#), the largest city in Alaska.
8. [New Hampshire](#), home to the White Mountains, is where the first presidential primaries occur.
9. [New Brunswick](#) is separated from [Nova Scotia](#), whose capital is Halifax, by the Bay of Fundy.
10. The suburbs of Brookline and Wellesley are in [Boston](#), which is also home to Fenway Park.
11. The Lake Pontchartrain Causeway connects parts of [New Orleans](#), the home of the French Quarter.
12. Thunder Bay and Duluth are both ports on [Lake Superior](#), the largest of the Great Lakes.

Asian Geography

1. The [Great Wall of China](#) is a series of fortifications built across many provinces in Northern China.
2. The tallest building in the world, the Burj Khalifa, is in the city of [Dubai](#), the largest of the United Arab Emirates.
3. A type of computer language and a slang term for coffee share its name with [Java](#), the most populous island of Indonesia.
4. The states Karnataka and Maharashtra border the city-state of [Goa](#), which was once a colony of Portugal.
5. The Sundarbans are a series of mangrove forests and estuaries around the [Ganges](#) Delta.