

2025-2026 Regional Tournament Study Guide – Question Set 2

Instructions: This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the International Geography Bee on the Question Set 2. Many of the facts below are found in the questions on the Question Set 2. 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. [Kilimanjaro](#) is located in [Tanzania](#) and is the tallest mountain in Africa.
2. [Madagascar](#) is an African island nation with official language [Malagasy](#) and capital at [Antananarivo](#).

Asian Geography

1. The [Himalayas](#) are a mountain range that includes the highest peak on Earth, [Mount Everest](#).
2. [Bangkok](#) contains the [Grand Palace](#) and is [Thailand](#)'s capital and largest city.
3. [Indonesia](#) is home to the islands [Borneo](#) (which it shares with Malaysia and Brunei) and [Java](#). Indonesia has the world's largest [Muslim](#) population.
4. [Beijing](#) is the capital of [China](#) and contains the [Forbidden City](#) complex.
5. [Tokyo](#) is the capital of [Japan](#) and hosted the COVID-delayed [Summer Olympics](#) in 2021.
6. [Siberia](#) is a vast region of eastern [Russia](#) known for its extremely cold climate.
7. The [Indus River](#) flows through China, [India](#), and traverses most of [Pakistan](#) before it empties into the [Arabian Sea](#).
8. The [Gyeonggi region](#) of [South Korea](#) encompasses cities such as [Incheon](#) and the country's capital, [Seoul](#).
9. In 1976, the [Philippines](#) changed its capital from Quezon City to [Manila](#).

Australia & Oceania Geography

1. [South Island](#) is the larger in area, but less populated, of the two main islands of [New Zealand](#).
2. [Australia](#) is the only country in the world that covers the entirety of its continent.

European Geography

1. [Scotland](#) is the northernmost constituent country of the [United Kingdom](#), with [Edinburgh](#) as its capital.
2. [Turkey](#) is located largely on the [Anatolian Plateau](#) and is split between the continents of Europe and Asia.
3. [Scandinavia](#) is a northern European region that contains the culturally-similar nations of [Norway](#), [Sweden](#), and [Denmark](#).
4. [Bologna](#) is an Italian city that is home to the oldest extant university in the Western world.
5. [Moscow](#) is the capital of Russia and the home of [Red Square](#) and the [Kremlin](#).
6. [France](#) shares land borders with eight other European countries, as well as two South American nations, since it counts its overseas possessions as part of the country proper.
7. [Oxford](#) is an English city that is home to the [world's oldest Anglophone university](#), a rival of [Cambridge University](#).

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. [Quebec City](#) is the oldest walled city in [North America](#).
2. Canada's [Parliament Hill](#) can be found in [Ottawa](#), the country's capital city.
3. [Las Vegas, Nevada](#) hosts the ten [largest hotels](#) in the US.
4. Landmarks in [San Francisco, California](#) include the [Palace of Fine Arts](#) and the [Golden Gate Bridge](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. The [Falkland Islands](#) are a disputed archipelago off the coast of [Argentina](#).
2. The longest continental mountain range on Earth, the [Andes Mountains](#), is home to peaks such as [Aconcagua](#).
3. [Machu Picchu](#) is an [Incan](#) site located in [Peru](#).
4. [Hispaniola](#) is an island in the [Caribbean](#) that is split between [Haiti](#) and the [Dominican Republic](#).

Terms for Further Study

1. [Plate tectonics](#)
2. [Arabian Peninsula](#)
3. [Endemic species](#)
4. [Eurasian polities](#)
5. [Seven Summits](#)
6. [Bermuda Triangle](#)
7. [South Caucasus](#)
8. [Serengeti](#)
9. [Port Said](#)
10. [Maritime Canadian provinces](#)
11. [Irrawaddy River](#)
12. [World's largest islands](#)
13. [Toronto](#)
14. [Protected reefs](#)
15. [Benelux](#)
16. [Bay of Bengal](#)
17. [The Tropics](#)
18. [Atacama Desert](#)
19. [Baltic countries](#)
20. [Tropic of Cancer](#)
21. [The Gulf Stream](#)
22. [Animals on national flags](#)
23. [Oldest continuously inhabited cities](#)
24. [Acropolis](#)
25. [Historic universities in Europe](#)
26. [Highest mountains in Africa](#)
27. [The Mosquito Coast](#)
28. [Malay Peninsula](#)
29. [Bay of Biscay](#)
30. [Fertile Crescent](#)