



International Geography Bee

2025-2026 Regional Tournament Study Guide – Gold Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the International Geography Bee Regional Tournaments on the Gold Question Set. Many of the facts below are found in the 120 questions on the Gold 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 helps you get started. It is not meant to be fully comprehensive as the essence of academic competition is not memorizing lists, 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. The world's largest population of lions live in the [Serengeti](#), a grassland of [Tanzania](#) known for its wildebeest migration.
2. [Addis Ababa](#) is the capital of [Ethiopia](#).

Asian Geography

1. [Dubai](#) is the largest city in the [United Arab Emirates](#).
2. The confluence of the [Tigris and Euphrates Rivers](#) occurs in southern [Iraq](#).
3. The [Gobi Desert](#) stretches across northern [China](#) and [Mongolia](#).
4. People in [Hong Kong](#) primarily speak [Cantonese](#), a language from southern China.
5. [Ankara](#) (the capital) and [Istanbul](#) are cities located in [Turkey](#).
6. [Sumatra](#) is the largest island that entirely belongs to [Indonesia](#) by area.
7. A snow leopard appears on the coat of arms of [Almaty](#), one of the largest cities of [Kazakhstan](#).
8. Bombay is the former name of [Mumbai](#), the largest port city of [India](#).

Australian & Oceanian Geography

1. [Samoa](#), a [Polynesian country](#), has its capital at [Apia](#).
2. [Sydney](#) and [Melbourne](#) are the two [largest cities of Australia](#).

European Geography

1. The largest country of [Western Europe](#) which is not a member of the [European Union](#) is [Switzerland](#).
2. The [running of the bulls](#) takes place in [Pamplona](#), a city of northern [Spain](#).
3. A [large number of canals](#) can be found in [Amsterdam](#), the capital of the [Netherlands](#).
4. [Kyiv](#) is the capital of [Ukraine](#), a country on the [Crimean Peninsula](#).
5. Most of the [Nobel Prize ceremonies](#) are hosted in [Stockholm](#), the capital of [Sweden](#). The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway.
6. [Manchester](#), the [third-largest city of England](#), was once a major hub of the [Industrial Revolution](#).

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. Located in the [Mojave Desert](#), [Furnace Creek](#) in [Death Valley](#) once recorded the [hottest temperature on Earth](#).
2. The [Denali Star](#) is a rail service that operates in [Alaska](#).
3. [Portland](#), the largest city of [Oregon](#), is located near the mouth of the [Willamette River](#).
4. The [Hoover Dam](#) on the [Colorado River](#) creates [Lake Mead](#), the largest reservoir in the U.S.
5. The [Missouri River](#) is the longest river in the U.S.
6. The [CN Tower](#) is a major attraction in [Ontario](#), the [largest province of Canada by population](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. The [Orinoco](#) is the primary river of [Venezuela](#).
2. The [Andes](#), the longest continental mountain range in the world, runs along the western coast of [South America](#).
3. [Bridgetown](#) is the capital of [Barbados](#), an island country in the Atlantic Ocean near the Caribbean Sea.
4. [Asunción](#) is the capital of [Paraguay](#), which is bordered by [Brazil](#), [Argentina](#), and [Bolivia](#).

Terms for Further Study

1. [Flanders](#)
2. [Christ the Redeemer](#)
3. [Han River](#)
4. [Great Lakes](#)
5. [Rhône River](#)
6. [Yuma](#)
7. [Mediterranean islands](#)
8. [Egyptian landmarks](#)
9. [Humboldt Current](#)
10. [Gulf of Guinea](#)
11. [G8](#)
12. [Missouri](#)
13. [Honsu](#)
14. [Indian Ocean](#)
15. [Bangkok](#)
16. [Arctic Ocean](#)
17. [Himalayas](#)
18. [Balkans](#)
19. [Andorra](#)
20. [Victoria Falls](#)
21. [Atlas Mountains](#)
22. [South Dakota](#)
23. [Dublin](#)
24. [Drake Passage](#)
25. [Nairobi](#)
26. [Three Gorges Dam](#)
27. [Wall Street](#)
28. [Arizona](#)
29. [Mont Blanc](#)
30. [Beijing](#)