

Round 2

Bee Round 2

(1) The deepest known cave on Earth, the Krubera Cave, is located in this mountain range. A mountain known as “Freezing Cold Peak” is this range’s Mount Kazbek. A controversy over “neutral passports” has affected a region in this mountain range called Abkhazia. Khillar Khachirov was the first to ascend this range’s highest peak, which is the tallest in Europe. Mount Elbrus is found in, for the point, what Eurasian mountain range between the Black and Caspian Seas?

ANSWER: Caucasus Mountains

(2) The motto of this city translates to “I am not led, I lead.” This city is home to a famous research institute on snakes and it lies roughly 100 kilometers inland from the port of Santos. Ibirapuera Park can be found in this city and contains buildings by Oscar Niemeyer. Over 88,000 students attend the major university of this city, which also names its country’s most populous state. For the point, name this largest city by population in South America, named for an Apostle of Jesus.

ANSWER: São Paulo

(3) The Elkhorn River originates in the Sandhills, a dune-heavy region of this central US state. It’s not New Jersey, but this state titles a Bruce Springsteen album. Bellevue is a suburb of this state’s most populous city, which forms a metropolitan area with Council Bluffs, Iowa. Warren Buffett founded Berkshire Hathaway in this state, which contains the Platte River. For the point, name this Midwestern US state home to the cities of Lincoln and Omaha.

ANSWER: Nebraska

(4) This country’s namesake wolf is endemic to a mountain range that contains the Semien Mountains. A monolithic church in this country dedicated to St. George is found in its town of Lalibela. An Olympian from this country made a controversial cross with his hands to demonstrate solidarity with its Oromo people. Amharic is widely spoken in this country which was historically called Abyssinia. For the point, name this East African country with its capital at Addis Ababa.

ANSWER: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

(5) The primary entertainment district of this city is Starhill, found in the Golden Triangle. The Titiwangsa Mountains form the northern boundary of this city’s Klang Valley. Found in the state of Selangor, this city’s largest ethnic group is the Bumiputera. This city is home to a pair of buildings connected by the Skybridge which were, at one point, the tallest in the world. The Petronas Towers are located in, for the point, what capital city of Malaysia?

ANSWER: Kuala Lumpur

(6) The project Panropa intended to create a massive hydroelectric dam on this body of water. Cape Spartel lies along this body of water whose name derives from the phrase “mountain of Tariq.” Ancient vessels would refer to a pair of natural structures at the entrance to this body of water as the Pillars of Hercules. Morocco is separated from Spain by, for the point, what strait connecting the Mediterranean Sea with the Atlantic Ocean?

ANSWER: Strait of Gibraltar

(7) A story about the creation of this location involves two boys fighting on their way to Mount Conner. William Gosse was an early explorer of this location, whose creation is sacred to the Anangu people. This location, found in the same national park as the similar Kata Tjuta, is a six hour drive from the nearest major city, Alice Springs. For the point, name this sacred sandstone formation in the Northern Territory of Australia.

ANSWER: **Uluru** (accept **Ayers Rock**)

(8) Johannes Jeep (**pr. YAPE**) once served as the organist for this city's Cathedral of St. Bartholomew. The Dominsel was an elevated structure built in this city's Altstadt district. This city lies on the Main River, a major tributary of the Rhine. Found in the state of Hesse, this city is home to the headquarters of Deutsche Bank and many other financial companies. For the point, name this large German city that names a type of pork sausage that bears resemblance to hot dogs.

ANSWER: **Frankfurt** am Main

(9) One river of this name flows through Palo Duro Canyon and the Prairie Dog Town Fork. A different river of this name begins in Yunnan and flows into the Gulf of Tonkin after passing through Hanoi. Lake Winnipeg is where a river with this name "of the north" empties, while one "of the south" passes through Louisiana before becoming part of the Mississippi. For the point, give this colorful name of several rivers that flow through iron-based rock beds, and of a sea separating Arabia and Africa.

ANSWER: **Red** River or Sea (accept any additional information that uses the word **red**)

(10) Description acceptable. Geologist Jules Marcou claims that this action was inspired by an indigenous term for a Nicaraguan mountain range. Matthias Ringmann supported this action, noting that women had been honored similarly in two other occasions. This action was inspired by the creation of the 1507 Universalis Cosmographia, and was done by Martin Waldseemüller, who was inspired by an explorer who made post-Columbian voyages to the New World. For the point, name this action that honored the Italian explorer Vespucci.

ANSWER: the **naming** of the **Americas** (accept equivalents for **naming**; prompt on partial answers)

(11) This body of water's largest island, Olkhon, is largely inhabited by Buryats. Water levels of this lake, which is home to an indigenous species of seal, have increased after the creation of the Irkutsk Dam. This body of water is the setting of a folk song set "On the Wild Steppes of" its region; that song, called "The Wanderer," was written by convicts in Siberia. For the point, name this Russian lake, the deepest freshwater lake in the world.

ANSWER: Lake **Baikal**

(12) A valley leading to the entrance into this city is known as the Gateway to the Siq. This city largely contributes to the tourist economy of the nearby Wadi Musa. A John Burgon poem describes this city as "a rose-red city half as old as time," even though he'd never been there. This city was a capital for the Nabataeans, and the Tomb of Aaron is thought to be located in this city, which is dominated by rock-cut architecture. For the point, name this archaeological site in Jordan.

ANSWER: **Petra**

(13) This territory's Kai Tak airport was closed down due to the extreme difficulty of landing airplanes there. This territory is home to iconic red taxis and was the former site of a largely lawless area called the Kowloon Walled City. The bank of HSBC is named after Shanghai and this city. In 1997, the U.K. transferred control of, for the point, what Special Administrative Region of China across the Pearl River Delta from Macau?

ANSWER: **Hong Kong**

(14) One of the few non-mountainous regions of this archipelago is a peninsula named for merchant Samuel Lafone. The only surviving sailing ship from the California gold rush can be found near this island chain's Goose Green. Various minefields in this archipelago have given penguins, who are too light to set them off, a habitat preserve of sorts. A referendum on this archipelago's sovereignty was rejected by Cristina Fernández de Kirchner. For the point, name this island chain whose ownership is disputed by the UK and Argentina.

ANSWER: **Falkland** Islands (or Islas **Malvinas**)

(15) Ibn Fadlan wrote about a ship burial conducted along this river, whose basin includes Lake Seliger. A painting completed in 1873 showed barge haulers working along this river. The Oka is a tributary of this river, which flows through the Valdai Hills. This river's Saratov Hydroelectric Station was listed as one of the Great Construction Projects of Communism. This river empties into the Caspian Sea after passing cities like Nizhny Novgorod. For the point, name this longest river of Europe, found in Russia.

ANSWER: **Volga** River

(16) A group of Huguenots including Pierre Joubert fled to this geographical feature in 1687. The Flying Dutchman was thought to have been lost off the coast of this feature. Cape Agulhas is southeast of this feature, which is itself south of Table Bay. In 1795, the Dutch lost a colony named for this feature to the British. It received its best-known name during the 1488 voyage of Bartolomeu Dias, who was the first European to reach it. For the point, name this Cape of southern Africa.

ANSWER: Cape of **Good Hope** (do not prompt on early descriptions of "the southern tip of Africa" because it isn't)

(17) Shark fossils can be found on the shores of this body of water at the Calvert Cliffs. A bridge across the mouth of this body of water includes two tunnels, including one under the Thimble Shoals shipping channel. Rivers that flow into this body of water include the York, James, and Potomac. Oysters and blue crabs are famously harvested by skipjacks in, for the point, what bay that opens in Virginia and extends up to Baltimore, Maryland?

ANSWER: **Chesapeake** Bay

(18) Marillenbrand is an apricot brandy largely produced in this nation's Wachau region. This country's region of Styria is famous for pumpkin seed oil while its Burgenland region is famous for wines grown near Lake Neusiedl (**pr. NOY-seed-ul**). This country's capital city boasts the oldest recipe for apple strudel in a library in the Rathaus, or city hall, in its Innere Stadt district. A veal cutlet central to this country's cuisine is called Wiener Schnitzel [veen-er shnit-zel], named for its capital. The Café Mozart is found in Salzburg in, for the point, what European country with its capital at Vienna?

ANSWER: **Austria**

(19) A British ship ran aground on an atoll in this body of water, causing that atoll to be named Macclesfield Bank. The Dragon Hole, the world's deepest sinkhole, is found in this body's Paracel Islands. A 2016 court case focused on claims to the "nine-dash line" in this sea, including ownership rights of its Spratly Islands near the Philippines. For the point, name this sea that the Taiwan Strait connects to a similarly named sea to its east, both of which are named for an Asian country.

ANSWER: **South China** Sea

(20) The final finisher of this event is awarded a red lantern for their persistence. In 1985, Libby Riddles became the first woman to win this event, whose record finish came in 2017 in a time of just over 8 days and 3 hours. Rainy Pass is one of the locations passed during this event, which commemorates an effort to bring medical supplies to its end city of Nome. The central trail of this race passes along the Bering Sea. For the point, name this 1,000-mile-long Alaskan race of sled dog teams.

ANSWER: **Iditarod** Trail Sled Dog Race (accept any combination of additional words)

(21) This nation's largest lake is connected to an even larger lake by the Vuoksi River. A population of just 300 ringed seals endemic to this country's Lake Saimaa remain. This nation lost most of Karelia to its eastern neighbor in a war fought in the early 1940's. Like Hungary and Estonia, this nation's primary official language is of the Uralic family. This country's northern Lapland region is home to a significant population of Sami people. For the point, name this European country with capital at Helsinki.

ANSWER: **Finland**

(22) A strait to the northwest of this body of water is named for a man who disappeared during an attempt to circumnavigate the world under Louis XVI. Cape Povorotny lies on this body of water, which is south of the Strait of Tartary. The Seikan Tunnel connects two islands to the east of this body of water, which is southwest of Sakhalin. Tsushima Strait lies adjacent to, for the point, what sea bordering its namesake nation's island of Hokkaido?

ANSWER: Sea of **Japan** or **East** Sea

(23) This body of water contains the sparsely populated Lakshadweep Islands. The island of Socotra belongs to the Aden Governate of a country along this sea, whose ships are frequently targeted by pirates from Somalia to its west. The Persian Gulf and Gulf of Aden are both connected to, for the point, what sea of the northwest Indian Ocean that Oman and Yemen border on a similarly named peninsula?

ANSWER: **Arabian** Sea (prompt on Indian Ocean before said)

(24) The desire to protect forests near this location led to the creation of Chagres National Park. Mistakes during excavation efforts at this location's Culebra Cut led to massive landslides. Gatun Lake is part of this location, which Omar Torrijos' government gained control of after signing a 1977 treaty with Jimmy Carter. David McCullough's book *The Path Between the Seas* analyzes the creation of this structure, which Teddy Roosevelt acquired for the USA. For the point, name this Central American canal.

ANSWER: **Panama Canal**

(25) In a May 2012 incident in this desert, the terrorist group Ansar Dine attacked a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The volcano Emi Koussi is in this desert's Tibesti Mountains. The Polisario Front established the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic in this desert, which is at the northern end of a transition zone whose name means "coast." The Sahel lies to the south of this desert, whose cities include Timbuktu. For the point, name this large desert in Northern Africa.

ANSWER: **Sahara** Desert

(26) The Manavgat River originates in this country's Taurus Mountains. This is the larger of two countries that contains Lake Van. The ceramic tiles from this country's city of Izmir, once known as Smyrna, have been used extensively in its mosques. The Dardanelles separates two parts of this country on different continents. The Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia are in, for the point, what country that is home to Istanbul?

ANSWER: Republic of **Turkey**

(27) The Canadian Bioscope Company was founded in this province and produced Canada's first feature film. This province's capital is known for its Victorian-style Public Gardens and a 1917 incident in which the SS Imo was struck by the SS Mont Blanc in a harbor, resulting in the largest explosion in pre-nuclear history. For the point, name this northern province of Canada with capital Halifax, whose name is Latin for New Scotland.

ANSWER: **Nova Scotia**

(28) Shoal Bay is one of the most popular beaches along this sea, which contains the ABC Islands, where Papiamentu is spoken as a Dutch-derived creole. Reggae music took off in a country along this sea, whose various islands became occupied by European sugar plantation owners. The Greater and Lesser Antilles islands bound, for the point, what sea containing Jamaica, Aruba, and the eastern coastline of Central America?

ANSWER: **Caribbean** Sea

(29) This country's Yala National Park is served by its failed Mattala Rajapaksa Airport, which recently served fewer than twenty passengers a day. Buddha is venerated at the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy, the site of a former kingdom on this island linked across the Palk Strait by Adam's Bridge. Ceylon is the former name of, for the point, what country with its largest city at Colombo, just southeast of India?

ANSWER: Democratic Socialist Republic of **Sri Lanka**

(30) A Byzantine artist designed many mosaics in this city's Daphni Monastery. A god legendarily dropped limestone over this city to form its Mount Lycabettus. Santiago Calatrava designed a twin-roofed velodrome and the main Olympic Stadium for this city's hosting of the 2004 Olympics. Located in the region of Attica, this city's most famous temple ruins is found on the Acropolis. For the point, the Parthenon is located in what Greek city?

ANSWER: **Athens**

Extra Question

Only read if moderator botches a question.

(31) St. Mary's is the largest of this country's Scilly Isles, which include the southernmost point of this country. The most climbed mountain in this nation is Snowdon, while its longest river is the Severn. Renzo Piano designed what became this nation's tallest skyscraper in 2012, the Shard. For the point, name this country that is divided into the constituent countries of Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and England.

ANSWER: **United Kingdom** of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (accept **England** until "Snowdon" is said, and anti-prompt on it thereafter; anti-prompt on Wales after Snowdon is said)