



2019 International Geography Bee

US Middle School & Elementary School

National Championships

Preliminary Round 2

1. This nation's capital city includes an abandoned governmental structure named the Marea Haus, which residents affectionately call the "The Pineapple Building." The Tunnels of Rabaul were built by the Japanese during WWII on this nation's island of New Britain. This most linguistically diverse nation has languages like Unserdeutsch, a German Creole developed in the 19th century, and Tok Pisin. This nation is separated from its former administrator, Australia, by the Torres Straits. For the point, name this nation predominately on the island of New Guinea with capital at Port Moresby.

ANSWER: Independent State of **Papua New Guinea** (do NOT accept or prompt on "New Guinea" on its own)

2. First built in 1837, the oldest building still standing in this park is the Lockkeeper's House, where tolls were collected for the C&O Canal. Andrew Jackson Downing's plan for this park led to construction of what is now the Hirshhorn Museum of Art. At the behest of Eleanor Roosevelt, Marian Anderson sang at this park after the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to let her perform at Constitution Hall. That performance was at this park's Lincoln Memorial. For the point, name this landscaped park that is the site of the Washington Monument in Washington D.C.

ANSWER: **National Mall** [prompt on sites in the National Mall like "The Lincoln Memorial"]

3. The song "Nacht am Norocz," (**pr. noar-OACH**) is about a battle at this nation's largest lake. The highest point in this nation was originally named "Holy Mountain," but would be renamed after the Cheka leader Felix Dzerzhinsky. The Neman River originates in this nation and goes on to form its border with Lithuania for a few miles. This is the only European nation to maintain capital punishment in the year 2019. For the point, name this former Soviet Republic headed by Alexander Lukashenko from Minsk.

ANSWER: **Belarus**

4. Recently, scientists have postulated that Sostratos may have used this building as a vertical yardstick in the first successful measurement of the Earth. Parts of this building were used to build the Citadel of Qaitbay by a ruler of Circassian origin called Al-Ashraf Sayf. The island that this building was on was connected to mainland Africa by the Heptastadion, which was later destroyed by Julius Caesar. For the point, name this Wonder of the World also known as the Pharos built by the Ptolemaic Dynasty in Egypt.

ANSWER: **Lighthouse** of **Alexandria** [Accept **Pharos** before mentioned]

5. The *Rover* incident saw aboriginal inhabitants of this island kill US sailors in what is now Kenting National Park. This island's Fort Zeelandia was founded by the Dutch VOC, and now functions as Anping Fort. Those colonists were kicked off this island after the battle of Coxinga, leading to the re-establishment of the Tungning Kingdom at the city of Tainan. The largest city on this island along the Tashui River has a financial center with 101 floors. For the point, name this island, formerly known as Formosa, where the Kuomintang Party has led the Republic of China.

ANSWER: **Taiwan** [Accept **Formosa** before mentioned]

6. A "Wire" one of these buildings in Curitiba, Brazil has steel tubings in place of a traditional roof, and was built on a lake in a rock quarry. Another of these buildings in London often known as "Covent Garden" was converted from a playhouse to accommodate the production of works like *Il Pastor Fido* and *Ariodante*. Those aforementioned works were by George Frideric Handel. Concrete shells roof one of these structures at Bennelong Point in Sydney Harbor. For the point, name this type of building where the works of Verdi and Puccini are performed.

ANSWER: **Opera Houses** [Accept specific answers like The **Royal Opera House**]

7. It isn't the USA, but this island's area of New Jersey is home to Pitch Lake, which can be traversed due the viscous mixture of water and tar. This island is known as "The Rainbow Island" was the site of a mud volcano explosion in the town of Piparo. On this island, more than half of the city of Chaguanas' population is of Indian descent whose ancestors were brought in by the British as indentured servants in the 19th century. This island is located just east of the Gulf of Paria, and its largest city is the Port of Spain. For the point, name this island whose name translates to "Trinity" in Spanish that is paired with Tobago in a Caribbean nation.

ANSWER: **Trinidad** [Do not accept **Trinidad & Tobago** at any point]

8. The centerpiece of this nation's largest airport is a statue by Urs Fischer of a bronze teddy bear with a lamp over its head. Through National Vision 2030, this nation plans to employ at least half of its citizens, especially in its energy industry. The House of Thani have ruled this nation for in recent decades, and the potential construction of the Salwa Canal has been threatened by its southern neighbor, which would effectively make this country an island. For the point, name this Middle Eastern host of the 2022 World Cup, centered on Doha.

ANSWER: State of **Qatar**

9. This location experienced huge environmental damage after the crash of the oil tanker MV *Jessica*. This island chain was home to Lonesome George, a Pinta Island Tortoise who died in 2012 as perhaps the last of his species. This archipelago is also home to the only species of penguin that lives north of the equator. A passenger aboard the HMS *Beagle* made numerous sketches of bird beaks while visiting this archipelago. For the point, Charles Darwin studied the finches of which island chain west of mainland Ecuador?

ANSWER: **Galápagos** Islands [accept *Archipiélago de Colón*; accept *Las Islas Galápagos*; prompt on **Pacific** Ocean before “archipelago”]

10. Spain’s seizure of British merchant ships in this province’s Nootka Sound almost led to war between those countries, and dealt a major blow to Spanish trade in the Pacific. This province is home to an endangered marmot on its largest island, which is also the site of its capital. First Nations tribes indigenous to this province include the Squamish and Tsimshian people, the latter of which built totem poles. For the point, name this Canadian province whose cities include Victoria and Vancouver.

ANSWER: **British Columbia**

11. The “Lesser” branch of this range includes the Chorak mountains, which are the ancestral home of the Lazurite people. This range’s Mount Kazbek is supposedly the site where the local Prometheus figure, Amirani, is punished. After the flood, Noah’s Ark supposedly rested on Mt. Ararat, an extreme southern member of this range. The tallest mountain in this range is Mt. Elbrus. For the point, name this Eurasian mountain range between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea.

ANSWER: **Caucasus** Mountains

12. A replica of this building in a US city’s Centennial Park was designed by Confederate veteran William Crawford Smith. An expedition led by Francesco Morosini fired artillery rounds at this building from the Hill of Philopappos, damaging this edifice in the 17th century. At the behest of Culture Minister Melina Mercouri, this building’s nation has asked for the return of sculptures made by Phidias that reside in the British Museum — the so-called Elgin Marbles. For the point, name this temple dedicated to Athena that sits on the Acropolis.

ANSWER: **Parthenon**

13. University students in this city painted a 400 foot tall “S” on Cowles Mountain in the 1930s, leading to it sometimes being called S Mountain. This city first began having a large US Navy presence after the opening of its Navy Coaling Station at Point Loma, later on seeing expansions like the La Jolla military base. The open air Spreckels Organ Pavilion can be found in the larger Balboa Park, which was used for a 1915 exposition meant to tout this city as a premier port of the Pacific after the opening of the Panama Canal. For the point, name this California port city across the Mexican border from Tijuana.

ANSWER: **San Diego**

14. A sole electoral vote in this state was won by Barack Obama in 2008. A school district in this state was centered at Joslyn Castle, a mansion built by the namesake Western Newspaper Union magnate. This state's town of Alliance is the site of thirty-eight cars arranged in a circle known as Carhenge. This state's largest city contains the headquarters of Berkshire Hathaway, and is on the banks of the Missouri River. For the point, name this Great Plains state with capital at Lincoln.

ANSWER: **Nebraska**

15. A festival in this nation named for Lake Ypacarai was banned by the national ministry of the interior in the 1980s. This nation named one of its departments after the US President Rutherford B. Hayes who helped resolve a boundary dispute between this nation and its southern neighbor. This nation's namesake river was the starting point of the Roosevelt Scientific Expedition, sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, following the path of the River of Doubt. The Rio Parana makes up much of this nation's southern border with Argentina. For the point, name this South American nation with capital at Asuncion.

ANSWER: **Paraguay**

16. A statue of Norwegian composer Ole Bull can be found in this city's Loring Park. This city's namesake "Sculpture Garden" is home a large outdoor fixture by Claes Oldenburg and Coosje Van Bruggen called *Spoonbridge and Cherry*. This city along the Mississippi River has a scenic trail that takes visitors to Minnehaha Falls and through the historic mill district. This city's name comes from schoolteacher Charles Hoag combining the Sioux word for "water" with the Greek word with "city." For the point, name this Minnesota "Twin City" adjacent to its capital of St. Paul.

ANSWER: **Minneapolis**

17. At these places, visitors often write wishes on small wooden plaques called *emas* to beings called Kannon. One of these places named Usa Jingu hosts a yearly festival to honor the souls of the fish lost to fishing industry and is often accompanied by a *kagura* dance. These places have gates called *torii*, and the one at Ise (**pr. EE-say**) is rebuilt every 20 years. For the point, name these holy places with sanctuaries called *honden* that hold the *kami* spirit.

ANSWER: **Shinto Shrine** [Accept **Shinsha** or more generic wording like "**Shinto** place of worship"]

18. This town is home to a parade called the P-Rade that begins near Cannon Green. Local university president Aaron Burr Sr. and his more famous son are buried in this town's cemetery. This town is home to a museum dedicated to Einstein, who lived and died in this town in the 1950's. Following the Battle of Trenton, George Washington attacked a detachment of Lord Cornwallis' men led by Charles Mahwood at this Mid-Atlantic college town. For the point, name this central New Jersey town home to an Ivy League school.

ANSWER: **Princeton**

19. This river's namesake "Knee" occurs in the city of Bingen, where its course turns from westward to northward. A city along this river has a cathedral ordered by a 13th century Holy Roman Emperor to hold the relics of the Biblical "Three Kings," but was not completed until the 19th century by the government of Wilhelm II. That city along this river is Cologne. In violation of the Treaty of Versailles, a region named for this river was "remilitarized" by Nazi Germany in 1936. For the point, name this Western European river that flows through Germany and the Netherlands, emptying into the North Sea.

ANSWER: **Rhine** River [Accept **Rijn**, **Rhenus**, and **Rhein**]

20. This island's Deer Cave has a 100 meter deep guano reserve, and Prince Albert II of Monaco went to nearby Gunung Mala National Park to set up a surveillance system to monitor endemic bats. This third largest island in the world was rocked by the 2015 Sabah earthquake, which killed 18 visitors climbing this island's highest peak of Mount Kinabalu. The province of Sarawak is on this island. Along with nearby Sumatra, this is one of two islands where orangutans can be found in the wild. For the point, name this island shared between the Sultanate of Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

ANSWER: **Borneo** [Accept **Kalimantan**]

21. A now defunct one of these places known affectionately as "The Bathtub" was the site of the 1951 death of Ray Chapman from a head injury. The only one of these locations currently in use with a permanent roof is Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, and the installation of lights at one of these sites caused consternation in Chicago's Wrigleyville neighborhood. For the point, name these structures including one named Fenway Park, which is home to the Boston Red Sox.

ANSWER: Major League **Baseball Stadium** [accept words like **Field**, **Yards**, or **Park** in place of "Stadium")

22. Among all cities that are the second largest by population in a US state, this one has the largest population at about 1.5 million. This seat of Bexar [pr. "**BAY-har**"] County has a site named the Tower of the Americas, an observation tower and restaurant built for the 1968 World Fair. A large event in this city once known as "The Fiesta San Jacinto" commemorates the victory of the Lone Star Republic over Mexican forces, and the only US Army base in this city's limits is Fort Sam Houston. For the point, name this Texan city that is home to the Alamo Mission.

ANSWER: **San Antonio**

23. An island often known as "The Holy Island" in this sea has a pyramidal lighthouse called the Emmanuel Head Beacon. This sea lies on top of what was once known as Doggerland, which has been submerged for thousands of years. The Sverd i fjell monument alongside this sea consists of three ten-meter-tall stone swords in the city of Stavanger. For the point, name this sea that the Vikings crossed to attack the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms in the 9th century AD.

ANSWER: **North** Sea [Accept **Noordzee**, **Nordsjøen**, or **Mer du Nord**]

24. Gahini, founded by the Church Missionary Society, lies along this nation's Lake Muhazi. This nation has had border spats with its western neighbor, who alleges that this country has been backing the M23 rebellion in the North Kivu province. This nation experienced a hundred-day countrywide massacre of Tutsis at the hands of the majority ethnic group, the Hutus. For the point, name this African nation led by Paul Kagame (**pr. kuh-GAH-may**) from Kigali.

ANSWER: Republic of **Rwanda**

25. This river's traditional source is a body that means "Lion's Mouth" and is the near the holy mountain Mt. Kailash. Alexander the Great founded a town named after his horse, Bucephalus near this river after his battle at the nearby Hydaspes River. This river's namesake dolphin, also known as the Blind River Dolphin, is critically endangered and typically only found between the Kotri and Jinnah barrages. For the point, name this river that names an ancient civilization whose major cities included Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa.

ANSWER: **Indus** River [Accept **Sindhu**]

26. Due to logging and deforestation, this nation's largest source of freshwater, Lake Yojoa, is in danger of turning into a swamp. After deliberation from Alfonso XIII of Spain, the border between this nation and its southern neighbor were set beginning at Cabo Gracias a Dios. This country that controls the Islas de Bahia in the Caribbean also has a 95-mile coastline on the Pacific Ocean. Hurricane Mitch devastated this country and its southern neighbor, Nicaragua, in 1998. For the point, name this Central American nation with cities like San Pedro Sula and Tegucigalpa.

ANSWER: Republic of **Honduras**

27. All members of the British indie band Viola Beach died while crossing the Södertälje Canal bridge in a suburb of this city that lies along Lake Malar. Gamla Stan, or "Old Town," was the site of this city's namesake "Bloodbath" in Stortorget Square. Four museum ships, including the icebreaker *Sankt Erik* make up the larger Vasa Museum complex in this city. This city names an effect where hostages sympathize with and even protect their captors after it was first observed here in the 1970s. For the point, name this largest city in Scandinavia and capital of Sweden.

ANSWER: **Stockholm**

28. A caravan route named Azalai still transports this commodity using a string of viable oases created by the Kaouar cliffs. While in his way Oualata, famed traveler Ibn Battuta came across a location called Taghaza that produced this commodity and noted that it was only inhabited by Musafa slaves. In West Africa, it was not uncommon for traders to burn mangrove leaves to retrieve this commodity from the ashes. For the point, name this good often traded in exchange for gold by the Ghana Empire.

ANSWER: **Salt**

29. The Treaty of Karlowitz brought German settlers to this nation's Mecsek (**pr. MAY-chek**) mountain range in the region Baranya. This nation's Zala River flows into its Lake Balaton. This nation's eastern half is dominated by the Great Alföld, a part of the larger Pannonian Plain. This European country's national language is most closely related to the Mansy and Khanty languages of Russia and more distantly to Estonian and Finnish. For the point, name this Central European nation once unified with Austria, whose capital is Budapest.

ANSWER: **Hungary**

30. An equestrian statue in this location that depicts the victorious Jogaila after the Battle of Grunwald was gifted by the Poles during a 1930's World Fair. A structure in this location, Belvedere Castle, acts as both a weather station and observation deck. Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel gave a free benefit concert in and for this location in 1981. A co-designer of this location, Calvert Vaux (**pr. VOE**), constructed all 36 bridges in this park according to his Greensward Plan. For the point, name this urban park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted in Manhattan, New York.

ANSWER: **Central Park**

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31. It's not Washington State, but one region in this location named the Aeolis Quadrangle is home to the Columbia Hills. Percival Lowell once believed that the capital of this location was Solis Lacus, due to the "canals" that intersected there. This location's largest peak, which is on the edge of Tharsis Edge, is often paired with three other peaks named Arcreaus, Pavonis, and Arsia, the latter being a holy forest of Rome. The shield volcano Olympus Mons is on, for the point, what planet named for a Roman God of War?

ANSWER: **Mars**