

The 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge  
Study Book

Grade 1

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**Parents: Please review this with your child.**

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Dear Burbank First Grade Students:

The Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge for first grade will take place in the Burbank cafeteria on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, **from 10:45-11:15 am.**

All of the questions and answers for the Challenge are found in this book. At the Challenge your team will be asked a few of the questions from the guide. **Your final question will be a flag.** We encourage you to study the questions both alone and with your teammates. All questions will be directed to your team, not to you as an individual. **Don't forget to coordinate with your team on a theme or color to wear on the day of the Challenge.**

The purpose of the Challenge is to learn and have fun. You may find that some of the questions are easiest to learn by using a map or atlas to find locations and features. If you try to understand how locations relate to one another, you may be able to avoid simply memorizing some of the answers, and you will remember what you have learned even after the Challenge is over.

Congratulations to all of you who have decided to participate in the Challenge this year! If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee chairs.

Good luck!

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## **Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge 2024**

### **First Grade Questions**

#### **Belmont**

1. Q: What is the original meaning of the name Belmont?  
A: **Beautiful Mountain**
2. Q: Five towns border Belmont. Name one.  
A: **Arlington, Cambridge, Lexington, Waltham and Watertown**
3. Q: The Burbank School is located on School Street. What is the other public elementary school in Belmont that is also located on School Street?  
A: **Wellington**
4. Q: The first public outdoor swimming pool in the country was located in Belmont. What was the name of that pool?  
A: **Underwood Pool**

#### **Massachusetts**

5. Q: What is the capital of Massachusetts?  
A: **Boston**
6. Q: Name the river that separates Boston and Cambridge.  
A: **The Charles River**
7. Q: There are five states that border Massachusetts. Name one.  
A: **New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island**
8. Q: What is a common nickname for Massachusetts?  
A: **Bay State**
9. Q: Name the ocean that serves as the eastern border of Massachusetts.  
A: **The Atlantic Ocean**
10. Q: The oldest university in the United States is located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Name that university.  
A: **Harvard**
11. Q: What is the state flower of Massachusetts?  
A: **Mayflower**

#### **The United States**

12. Q: What is the capital of the United States?  
A: **Washington, DC**
13. Q: In what city is the Statue of Liberty located?  
A: **New York**
14. Q: What is the national bird of the United States?  
A: **Bald Eagle**

15. Q: What famous national symbol has a crack in it? You can find it in Philadelphia, PA.

**A: The Liberty Bell**

16. Q: What is the name of the building the President of the United States works and lives in?

**A: The White House**

17. Q: What is the largest state in the United States? It also has more coastline than all the other states combined.

**A: Alaska**

18. Q: What is the capital of California?

**A: Sacramento**

19. Q: Which two countries border the United States?

**A: Canada and Mexico**

## **The World**

20. Q: How many continents are there in the world?

**A: Seven**

21. Q: Name the continent that has the world's largest hot desert, the Sahara.

**A: Africa**

22. Q: What are the two official languages of Canada?

**A: English and French**

23. Q: What is the name of the Incan site in Peru, which is one of the 7th wonders of the world?

**A: Machu Picchu**

24. Name the two longest rivers in the world.

**A: The Nile River and the Amazon River**

25. Q: What is the capital of India?

**A: New Delhi**

26. Q: Which continent has the same name as a country?

**A: Australia**

## **Geographical Terms**

27. Q: Europe is sometimes called the peninsula of peninsulas. What is a peninsula?

**A: A piece of land surrounded by water on three sides.**

28. Q: What do we call a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water?

**A: Island**

29. Q: What do we call the imaginary line that is drawn around the middle of the earth at an equal distance from the North to the South Pole?

**A: The Equator**

30. Q: What do we call the set of symbols and colors on a map that you use to make sense of what the map is showing?

**A: Key or Legend**

### **Bonus Question**

Q: Who is Dr. Feinberg and why is the Geography Challenge named after her?

**A: She was a previous Principal of the Burbank school and she started the Geography Challenge over 26 years ago.**

# FLAGS

Identify these flags:

Haiti:



Switzerland:



Israel:



Spain:



South Korea:

