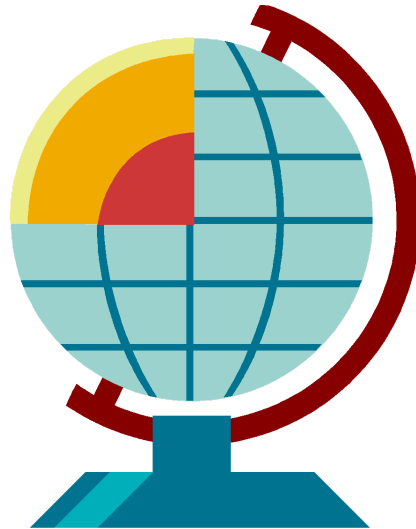


The 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge  
Study Book

Grade 2

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

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Dear Burbank Second Grade Students:

The Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge for the second grade will take place in the Burbank cafeteria on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, **from 11:40-12:10.**

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!

Sincerely,

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**Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge 2024**  
**Second Grade Questions**

**Belmont**

1. Q: What is the original meaning of the name Belmont?  
A: **Beautiful Mountain**
2. Q: In what year did Belmont become a town?  
A: **1859**
3. Q: What fruit was celebrated in Belmont with its own festival?  
A: **Strawberry**
4. Q: There are three business districts in Belmont. Name one.  
A: **Belmont Center, Cushing Square, Waverly Square**
5. Q: Five towns border Belmont. Name one.  
A: **Arlington, Cambridge, Lexington, Waltham and Watertown**

**Massachusetts**

6. Q: What is a common nickname for Massachusetts?  
A: **Bay State**
7. Q: Massachusetts has 14 counties. Name the county in which Belmont is located.  
A: **Middlesex**
8. Q: There are five states that border Massachusetts. Name one.  
A: **New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island**
9. Q: In which Massachusetts town does the Charles River start? This town is also where the Boston Marathon starts. Please name it.  
A: **Hopkinton**
10. Q: Which sport was invented in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1891?  
A: **Basketball**

**The United States**

11. Q: Which city had America's first subway?  
A: **Boston**
12. Q: How many states are in the United States?  
A: **50**
13. Q: Which two countries border the United States?  
A: **Canada and Mexico**

14. Q: What is the largest state in the United States? It also has more coastline than all the other states combined.  
A: **Alaska**
15. Q: What is the highest mountain peak in North America?  
A: **Denali (formerly Mt. McKinley)**
16. Q: What country did the United States purchase Alaska from in 1867?  
A: **Russia**
17. Q: What is featured on the Alaskan flag?  
A: **The Big Dipper and the North Star**
18. Q: What is the Alaskan state bird?  
A: **Willow Ptarmigan**
19. Q: Name the towns at the start and finish of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race.  
A: **Anchorage and Nome**

## **The World**

20. Q: What is the capital of Kenya?  
A: **Nairobi**
21. Q: What are the two main languages in Kenya?  
A: **Swahili and English**
22. Q: The largest lake in Africa lies within Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. What is its name?  
A: **Lake Victoria**
23. Q: What is the largest island in the world?  
A: **Greenland**
24. Q: What is the official language of Australia?  
A: **English**
25. Q: What is the capital of France?  
A: **Paris**
26. Q: What is the name of the cape at the southern tip of Africa?  
A: **Cape of Good Hope**
27. Q: On which continent would you find Egypt?  
A: **Africa**
28. Q: A canal is a man-made waterway that is built for transportation. Name the canal that connects the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean.  
A: **The Panama Canal**
29. Q: Which country has the largest population in the world?  
A: **China**

30. Q: What is the official currency of India?

**A: Rupee**

31. Q: Peru is on what continent?

**A: South America**

### **Geographical Terms**

32. Q: What is a delta?

**A: A piece of land that is formed at a river's mouth.**

33. Q: What are the 4 main directions found on a compass or map (also known as Cardinal Points)

**A: North, South, East & West**

34. Q: During the last ice age, these descended south, grinding the earth in their path. Then as they melted, they left behind new lakes, hills and valleys.

**A: Glacial Ice Sheets**

35. Q: What is another name for Aurora Borealis, the spectacular colored lights that appear in the night sky in the far Northern Hemisphere?

**A: The Northern Lights**

36. Q: What is the name of the unmanned spacecraft placed in orbit around the Earth? Pictures taken from this spacecraft are an important source of information for mapmakers.

**A: Satellite**

37. Q: What landform has steep sides and is flat on top?

**A: Plateau**

38. Q: What is an atlas?

**A: a book containing maps or charts**

### **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 25 years ago.**

## **FLAGS**

**Identify these flags:**

**Greece:**



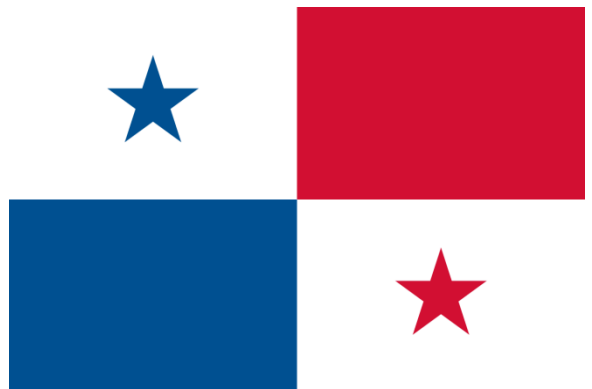
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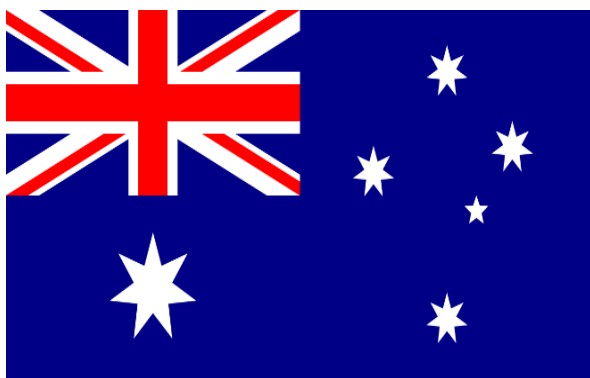
**Kenya:**



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**People's Republic of China:**

