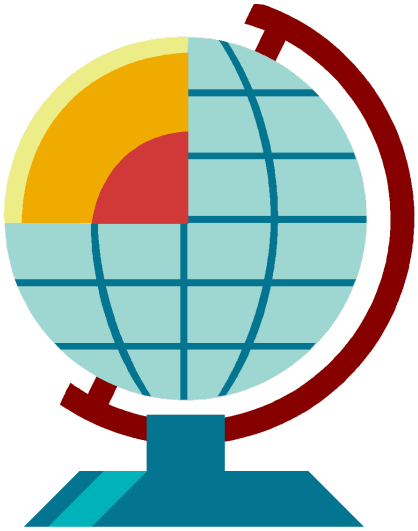
The 24th Annual
Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge
Study Book

Grade 2

Spring 2019



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Parents: Please review this with your child.

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Dear Burbank Grade 2 Students:

The Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge for the Junior Division (Students in Grades K, 1, and 2) will take place on the morning of Thursday, March 21st, in the Burbank cafeteria. **The Grade 2 Challenge will be from 10-10:30am, after the K-1 students depart.** Your parents or guardians, grandparents and special friends or neighbors are welcome to attend the Challenge.

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 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 are able to understand how locations relate to one another, you may be able to avoid simply memorizing some of the answers, and you may be better able to 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 2019
Grade 2 Questions

The World

1. Q: What is the largest island in the world?
   A: Greenland (about 840,000 square miles)

2. Q: Name five of the seven continents in the world.
   A: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Australia and Antarctica

3. Q: This country is the second largest in the world by size, and has the longest coastline in the world. Name it.
   A: Canada

4. Q: What is the deepest point in the Ocean?
   A: Mariana Trench

5. Q: What is the name of the cape at the southern tip of Africa?
   A: Cape of Good Hope

6. Q: Which continent includes the Sahara Desert, the River Nile and the country of Kenya?
   A: Africa

7. Q: A canal is a man-made waterway that is built for transportation. Name the canal that connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
   A: Suez Canal

8. Q: What percentage of the earth's surface is covered by water?
   A: About 70%

9. Q: The Dead Sea has the saltiest water on Earth. The Dead Sea is also the lowest body of water on Earth. Which two countries surround the Dead Sea?
   A: Israel and Jordan

10. Q: Does the equator run through North America, Central America or South America?
    A: South America

11. Q: This continent is very cold. No one lives there year-round. What is it called?
    A: Antarctica

12. Q: There are four oceans in the world. Which is the smallest ocean?
    A: Arctic Ocean

13. Q: Which is the largest country in the world by area?
    A: Russia

14. Q: Which continent has the same name as a country?
A: Australia

Kenya

15. Q: What is the capital of Kenya?
    A: Nairobi

16. Q: What are the two main languages in Kenya?
    A: Swahili and English

17. Q: The largest lake in Africa lies within Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. What is its name?
    A: Lake Victoria

Alaska

18. Q: What is the highest mountain in North America?
    A: Denali

19. Q: What country did the United States purchase Alaska from in 1867?
    A: Russia

20. Q: In what year did Alaska become a state?
    A: 1959

21. Q: What is featured on the Alaskan flag?
    A: Big Dipper and North Star

22. Q: What country borders Alaska to the east?
    A: Canada

23. Q: What is the Alaskan state bird?
    A: Willow Ptarmigan

24. Q: The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is an annual long-distance sled dog race run in early March in Alaska. Name the towns at the start and finish of the Iditarod Dog Sled Race
    A: Anchorage and Nome

New England and Massachusetts

25. Q: Massachusetts has 14 counties. Name the county in which Belmont is located.
    A: Middlesex

26. Q: The Basketball Hall of Fame is located in what Massachusetts city?
    A: Springfield

27. Q: What is the name of the river that flows through the three New Hampshire cities of Concord, Manchester, and Nashua?
    A: The Merrimack River

28. Q: There are six New England states. Name any two.
    A: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont

29. Q: In which Massachusetts town does the Charles River start? This town is also where the Boston Marathon starts.
    A: Hopkinton

30. Q: What is the state dog of Massachusetts?
    A: Boston Terrier

Belmont

31. Q. What is the name of the first public outdoor swimming pool in the country?
    A: Underwood Pool

32. Q: What fruit was celebrated in Belmont with its own festival?
    A: Strawberry

33. Q: What is the original meaning of the name Belmont?
    A: Beautiful Mountain

34. Q: In what year did Belmont become a town?
    A: 1859

35. Q: There are three business districts in Belmont. Name one.
    A: Belmont Center, Cushing Square, Waverly Square

Geographical Terms and Features

36. Q: What are the grasslands that cover the central part of the United States called?
    A: Prairies

37. Q: What do you call someone who draws maps?
    A: Cartographer

38. Q: This appears on maps to explain all the symbols. What is it called?
    A: A key or a legend

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

40. 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

41. Q: What is the name of the molten rock that lies beneath the surface of the earth?
    A: Magma

42. Q: What is the word for the height of land in relation to sea level?
A: Altitude (or elevation)

43. Q: What landform has steep sides and is flat on top?
A: Plateau

44. Q: What are the two main causes of landforms changing shape?
A: Wind and water

45. Q: The poles are at the top and bottom of the Earth. Where is the North Pole?
A: **Arctic Circle**

Bonus Question

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

A: She was a Principal of the Burbank school and she started the Geography Challenge 24 years ago.

FLAGS

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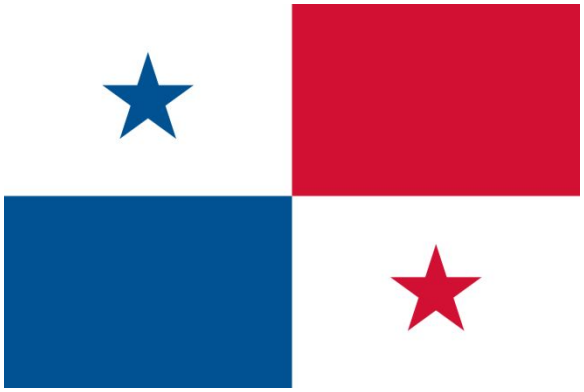
Greece:

Morocco:

Kenya:

Panama:



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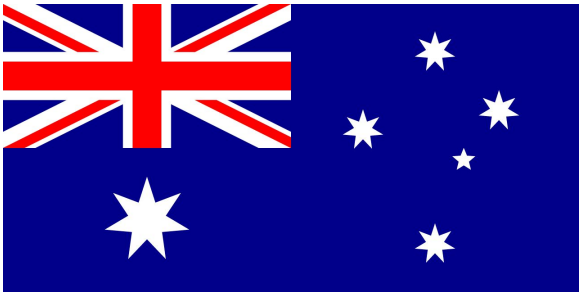

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