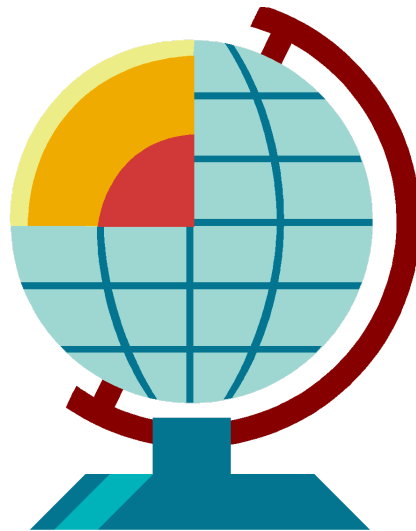


The 25th
Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge
Study Book

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 17th, **from 8:50-9:35 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!

Sincerely,

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Dr. Feinberg Geography Challenge 2022
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: What major US city is home to the Golden Gate Bridge?
A: **San Francisco**

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: This country is the second largest in the world by size, and also has the longest coastline in the world. Please name it.
A: **Canada**
25. Q: What is the deepest point in the ocean?
A: **Mariana Trench**
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: Name the lowest point on land.

A: The Dead Sea

30. Q: What is the national language of Mexico?

A: Spanish

31. Q: What is the longest continental mountain range in the world?

A: The Andes (in South America)

Geographical Terms

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

A: Prairies

33. Q: What is the name of someone who draws maps?

A: Cartographer

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 are the two main natural causes of landforms changing shape?

A: Wind and water

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:



Kenya:



Australia:

Morocco:



Panama:



People's Republic of China:

