

Geography Monstrosity 5: Maryland vs. the World
Round 2
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Moderator's note: this set features 20-point superpowers (bold text before (*)) and 15-point powers (text before ►). Some more difficult tossups are 15 (in extreme cases, 20) points all the way through. There are no minuses.

1. A tributary of this river names a valley region that includes the Morago River and contains a significant elephant population. Closing in 2013 is a bridge that crosses this river, the Adome Bridge. Yapei is a city on one of this river's tributaries, as well as the northern terminus of a reservoir formed by damming this river. The (*) Akosombo Dam is located on this river, creating a namesake lake that brings water to the Afram Plains. This river, which has Red, Black, and White tributaries, empties into the Gulf of Guinea in Ghana. A modern-day country that includes the city of ► Ouagadougou was once named for the "Upper" part of this river. For 10 points, name this river in West Africa that lent its name to a French colony that is now Burkina Faso.

ANSWER: Volta River

2. The Jawoyn are an indigenous people located in this area. They live near Nitmiluk National Park, which was formerly known as Katherine Gorge. A location here known as "The Big Run" is a cattle farm known as the Victoria River Downs (*) Station. The 223 kilometer-long Larapinta Trail crosses West MacDonnell National Park, which is located in this area. This territory's city of Palmerston is one of the fastest-growing cities in its country and is located in its Top End, which comprises almost all of its population. The northern end of the Stuart Highway is located here. The Gulf of ► Carpentaria lies to the northeast of this territory, while the Arafura Sea is located north of here. Alice Springs is a city in this area's Red Centre, which is home to a giant sandstone rock known as Uluru, or Ayer's Rock. For 10 points, name this territory of Australia, which includes the city of Darwin.

ANSWER: Northern Territory

3. It's not British Columbia, but this province's site of Deep Bay is the location of a meteor impact. Deep Bay lies in the northeastern part of this province, like its popular fishing site of Reindeer Lake. Several locations named Waskesiu are located in a national park in this province, which, like a city here, is named after (*) Prince Albert. The military air show demonstration team the Snowbirds is based near this province's city of Moose Jaw. It contains the eastern portion of Lake Athabasca. ► For 10 points, name this prairie province of Canada, located between Alberta and Manitoba and whose cities include Regina and Saskatoon.

ANSWER: Saskatchewan

4. The Arabat Spit is a long coastline of beaches on the western side of this sea. A city with the same name as this sea was founded as Tanais, a Greek colony. This sea is bordered by a peninsula to the southeast that contains mud volcanoes and was the site of the movie *Cross of Iron*. That landmass, the Taman Peninsula, borders this sea's arm Temryuk Bay. The Kuban River rises near Mount (*) Elbrus and empties into this sea, as does another river that flows into one of this sea's arms, the Taganrog Bay. The ► Don River flows into this body of water. The Kerch Strait connects this sea to a larger one south of it, the Black Sea. For 10 points, name this shallow sea surrounded by Russia and Ukraine.

ANSWER: Sea of Azov

5. Many mysterious black stones can be found in this country's Pungo Adongo. China, this country's largest trading partner, built Nova Cidade de Kilamba, whose expensive cost compared to this' country's low GPA per capita led it to become a ghost city. The Ovimbundu and Ambundu people together make up a majority of the population of this country. An important city for the 17th-century slave trade located here is (*) Benguela, which also names an ocean current that joins a current to the north that is named after this country. The Bie Plateau, located in the central highlands of this country, is the source of the ► Zambezi River. FLEC has been fighting for the independence of this country's only exclave. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, which lies to this country's north, separates it from its exclave of Cabinda. For 10 points, name this African country that gained independence from Portugal, and has its capital at Luanda.

ANSWER: Angola

6. Pierre Chaunu wrote a 12-volume study of this city and the Atlantic economy. The Court of the Dolls and the Court of Stucco can be found in one of this city's palaces. This city contains the largest wood structure in the world, whose appearance is likened to that of waffles and was designed by Jurgen Mayer. This home of the Metropol Parasol held a monopoly on trade with the (*) New World for a few centuries, earning this city its nickname of "Gateway to the Indies." The Giralda was a minaret that was converted into a bell tower for a large gothic cathedral in this city, one of several that claims to be the burial place of Christopher Columbus. The legend of ► Don Juan is set in this city, which is located on the Guadalquivir River. For 10 points, name the fourth largest city in Spain, the capital of Andalusia.

ANSWER: Seville [or Sevilla]

7. Oliver Boyd Clow created one of these places, the "Clow International" one of these. One of these entities has been proposed for the city of Peotone, while another was owned by its city's public schools until 1982 and is known as "the world's busiest square mile". That place had an incident that killed a child in a car at the corner of (*) 55th and Central in December 2005, and the largest one of these features the most notable work of Michael Hayden. One of these on a peninsula near the ► Adler Planetarium was infamously destroyed in the middle of the night, while the largest is located in Rosemont. For 10 points, name these facilities, the busiest of which have IATA codes of MDW and ORD.

ANSWER: airports of/that serve/are located near Chicago [accept equivalents; accept Airports in Illinois]

8. One popular magnate in this city's history is Zeynalabin Taghiyev. The Nobel Brothers controlled this city's oil industry for decades, and the world's oldest offshore oil platform was built off the coast of this city, a sprawling complex known as Oily Rocks. A new pipeline connects this city to (*) Tbilisi and Ceyhan, Turkey, and ships bring oil from the Kashagan and Tengiz fields from Kazakhstan. This city is on the ► Absheron Peninsula, giving it oil tanker access to the Caspian Sea. For 10 points, name this capital of Azerbaijan.

ANSWER: Baku

9. Adam Roberts's book *The Wonga Coup* is about a "ruthless determination to create mayhem" in this country, which generated a scandal implicating the son of Margaret Thatcher. The islands of Corisco and Annobon belong to this country, which is home to an island that was the colony of (*) Fernando Po. The only mainland African country with Spanish as a *de jure* official language, its largest city is Bata. This country's mainland portion is known as ► Rio Muni, but its capital is located on the island of Bioko. Nearly surrounding Sao Tome and Principe and bordered by Gabon and Cameroon, for 10 points, name this central African nation, with capital at Malabo, named for its proximity to a certain line of latitude.

ANSWER: Equatorial Guinea

10. A fissure volcano in this country is Ardoukoba, which last erupted in 1978. The only forested areas in this country lie within its Goda Mountains. Deforestation is an issue for this country's Day Forest National Park, which is surrounded by desert. This country's capital lies on the Gulf of Tadjoura, which is connected to Lake Ghoubet. Its saline Lake (*) Assal is the lowest point in Africa. In the 20th century, this country was briefly known as the French Territory of the Afars and Issas, and those two factions fought in a civil war here as the FRUD was being excluded from the government of Hassan Gouled. This country's location at the boundary between the ► Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden makes it an important trading center. For 10 points, name this small African country located near the Bab-el-Mandeb, bordered by Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia.

ANSWER: Republic of Djibouti

1. One of this river's tributaries, the Angara, rises from Lake Baikal, which itself receives water via the Selenga River. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this Russian river, which empties into the Kara Sea. It rises in Mongolia and lies east of the Ob River.

ANSWER: Yenisei River

[10] This dam, built on the Yenisei, suffered a malfunction in turbine 2, causing a flood that led to the deaths of 75 people in 2009.

ANSWER: Sayano-Shushenskaya Dam

[10] This 1908 event, which occurred near a tributary of the Yenisei, was the explosion of a meteor above Siberia.... or was it?

ANSWER: Tunguska event

2. British whaler John Fearn called it "Pleasant Island." For 10 points each:

[10] Name this nation, whose interior contains the Buada Lagoon but is mostly a desolate wasteland of limestone pinnacles.

ANSWER: Nauru

[10] Nauru does not have an actual capital, but its government resides in this town.

ANSWER: Yaren

[10] Nauru's economy solely relies upon this resource, which has now been depleted, leaving the country bankrupt. Mining this resource damages the soil and vegetation.

ANSWER: phosphates

3. This planet's inner moons lie in a crowded area where collisions, one of which was predicted to happen to Belinda and Cupid in August 2012, often occur. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this planet, whose moons are named after characters from the literary works of Shakespeare and Pope. This planet's most notable feature is its axis, which is tilted 90 degrees.

ANSWER: Uranus

[10] This moon of Uranus, the fifth largest, is notable for dark features known as coronae and extremely deep canyons. One hypothesis states that this moon broke apart and reassembled.

ANSWER: Miranda

[10] This moon has the darkest surface out of all those orbiting Uranus. Its most interesting feature is a bright ring known as the Wanda crater, as most of its surface is filled with craters from meteor impacts.

ANSWER: Umbriel

4. For 10 points each, give these terms for isolated mountains:

[10] The endurance of caprock can create this kind of steep-sided feature. A "crested" one in Colorado is a major ski resort.

ANSWER: buttes

[10] Tabletop mountains in the Guiana Highlands of southern Venezuela are given this name. Waterfalls such as Angel Falls flow off the side of these landforms.

ANSWER: **tepuis**

[10] An Abenaki word for “isolated mountain” is used for this New Hampshire peak, and by extension any similar landform. Structures like this in Africa are known as inselbergs.

ANSWER: **monadnocks**

5. The twin island of Lewis and Harris... wait. Are the Outer Hebrides kind of passe? Name these islands of the Inner Hebrides instead, for 10 points each:

[10] Dunvegan Castle and the Black Cuillin mountains are located on this island, the destination of the escaping Bonnie Prince Charlie in a Jacobite “boat song.”

ANSWER: **Skye** [accept **Skye boat song**]

[10] Fingal's Cave, the subject of a Mendelssohn overture, is located on this tiny island just to the west of Skye.

ANSWER: **Staffa**

[10] This island south of Skye and Staffa is a major refuge for red deer.

ANSWER: **Rum**

6. The Kanem Empire was largely based in this present-day country, which shares its name with a lake that gains water from the Chari River. For 10 points each:

[10] Name this country, whose political issues have been exacerbated by the influx of Sudanese refugees in the last decade.

ANSWER: **Chad**

[10] A conflict over this strip of land between Chad and Libya began due to conflicting colonial claims by France and Italy, and ended with the Toyota War, in which Qaddafi's forces were kicked out of here.

ANSWER: **Aouzou Strip**

[10] To help sustain the water level of Lake Chad, a plan was formulated to divert this river, a tributary of the Congo, to have it flow into Lake Chad instead.

ANSWER: **Ubangi River**

7. For 10 points each, name these sites in Yosemite National Park:

[10] A “cable route” ascends this granite monolith. Ansel Adams photographed the moon over it in 1960.

ANSWER: **Half Dome**

[10] Half Dome is visible from this overlook, formerly the site of a park hotel. Until the 1960s, it was the location of a “firefall” ritual in which employees pushed burning material over the cliff edge into the valley below.

ANSWER: **Glacier Point**

[10] This region of the park is a subalpine meadow named for the river whose canyon was flooded by the Hetch Hetchy Dam.

ANSWER: **Tuolumne Meadows**

8. Fernando Pessoa wrote that “who wants to pass beyond [this place] / Must also pass beyond pain.” For 10 points each:

[10] Name this notably dangerous cape in the Western Sahara. Gil Eanes indeed passed beyond it in 1434; there is no word on whether Senhor Eanes also passed beyond pain.

ANSWER: Cape **Bojador**

[10] Eanes's voyage was sponsored by this European royal.

ANSWER: Prince **Henry the Navigator**

[10] Henry is widely, but inaccurately, credited with establishing a “school of exploration” on this promontory, located near Cape St. Vincent in Portugal's Algarve region.

ANSWER: **Sagres**

9. For 10 points each, answer the following about the waters and islands around Korea:

[10] This island, South Korea's largest, lies directly south of the Korean Peninsula. It is beginning to see a larger number of Chinese tourists.

ANSWER: **Jeju**do [or **Cheju**]

[10] The Tsushima Strait connects the East China Sea to this body of water. Known as the East Sea to Koreans, its non-Korean ports include Akita and Vladivostok.

ANSWER: Sea of **Japan**

[10] This small crabbing island off the west coast of the peninsula is claimed by South Korea due to its position south of the Northern Limit Line, but was nonetheless bombarded by North Korea.

ANSWER: **Yeonpyeongdo**

10. Some of the southernmost towns in the world can be found in South America. For 10 points each:

[10] Ushuaia, one of the southernmost towns of Argentina, is located in this archipelago shared between Argentina and Chile.

ANSWER: **Tierra del Fuego**

[10] This port city in southern Chile has claims to be the southernmost city in the world. A significant portion of its over 100,000 inhabitants are Croatian immigrants.

ANSWER: **Punta Arenas**

[10] Even further south than Punta Arenas and Ushuaia are Puerto Williams and Puerto Toro, which are located on this Chilean island.

ANSWER: **Navarino** Island