

# Preparing for GeoWhiz

## January 27 2018

Teams will be quizzed on the geography of Tompkins County, New York State, and the United States, including US territories. Questions may be based on physical features (such as rivers, mountains, etc.), political jurisdictions, historical features, or cultural and economic forces that have resulted in changes to the landscape.

National geography information is fairly easy to find, through atlases, [books](#), [study guides](#), flashcards, Wikipedia articles on states, and quiz games like GeoPlunge (GeoPlunge.com). Places to explore include:

- <https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/topic/geography>
- <https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/topic/united-states>
- <https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=united-states-regions-quiz>
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/capitals-of-the-fifty-states-1435160>

Finding information on New York State is little more challenging. The <http://www.nygeo.org/> and [http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/ny\\_geography.htm](http://www.netstate.com/states/geography/ny_geography.htm) websites are good places to start, as are various travel guides and maps. The book *New York State: Peoples, Places and Priorities* is also useful. Questions will include the entire state, from Montauk Point to Niagara Falls.

For local geography, The History Center in Tompkins County (<https://www.thehistorycenter.net/>) has lots of information in exhibits, books (especially *Place Names of Tompkins County*), and free tourist brochures on the individual towns and city.

[This guide](#) can help with broad approaches to studying for the contest, and if you want to get yourself warmed up, [these quizzes from National Geographic](#) are fun – though more international than the January 27 2018 round of GeoWhiz will be.