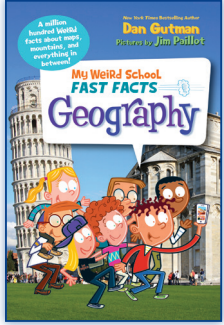


TRENDY TAGS



Did you know that naming children after geographical places is a popular trend with parents today? Maybe you have a friend named **Bethany**, which is a village in Israel, or **Chelsea**, which is a city in England. Perhaps you have a classmate called **Tyree**, a mountain in Antarctica, or **Timor**, an Indonesian island. So, let's get inspired—geographically, that is—and find some great places that can be used as cool, one-of-a-kind names—also known as tags. Follow the plan mapped out below to get started.



In *My Weird School Fast Facts: Geography* by Dan Gutman, we learn about the seven continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia/Oceania. Using a map of the globe, identify one place within each continent whose name you like. Do some internet research to find “fast facts” about each of the seven locations you’ve selected. Then, write a few sentences describing each location and why it makes an awesome name, using the template below. Share your *trendy tags* with your classmates.

ASIA

Trendy Tag: _____

AFRICA

Trendy Tag: _____

NORTH AMERICA

Trendy Tag: _____

SOUTH AMERICA

Trendy Tag: _____

ANTARCTICA

Trendy Tag: _____

EUROPE

Trendy Tag: _____



AUSTRALIA/OCEANIA

Trendy Tag: _____



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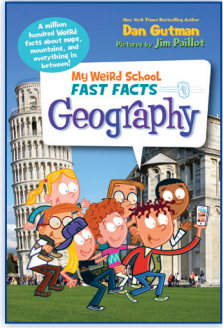
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GEOGRAPHY IS COOL



In *My Weird School Fast Facts: Geography*, Dan Gutman amazes us with about “a million hundred weird fast facts.” But there isn’t room in the book “for all the weird facts in the world.” So, with your parents’ permission, let’s poke around the internet and find some weird fast facts about geography on our own. Use the tips below to get started.



-  **Research cool facts on the internet by searching for “weird fast facts about geography.” Or search any topic in the table of contents of the book.**
-  **Take notes on your selected topic using the space below.**
-  **Write a brief report including three jaw-dropping facts you unearthed about your topic.**

-  **Use linking words like first, second, third, another, also, and lastly to organize and connect ideas in your report.**
-  **Share your “weird” facts with your classmates. Maybe as a class you will know as many weird fast facts about geography as A.J. and Andrea. Just maybe!**

MY TOPIC: _____

WEIRD FACT #1:

WEIRD FACT #3:

WEIRD FACT #2:



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