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2015 U.S. Geography Olympiad Super Emergency Questions

Abandoned settlements in this New World region include Manila Village and Balize, spelled with an A. This natural feature's largest distributary names a basin home to the growing Wax Lake Outlet and a large cypress-tupelo swamp. The NOAA removed English Bay and Bay Pomme D'Or from charts here in 2013. Canals dredged by companies such as Texaco have contributed to land loss here at a rate of sixteen square miles yearly. The Atchafalaya River and Bird's Foot drain into the Atlantic in this landscape famous for its bayous. For the point, America's longest river meets the Gulf of Mexico in what area that forms the "boot" of Louisiana?

ANSWER: **Mississippi River Delta** [prompt on **Louisiana**; do not accept "Mississippi Delta" if player's answer does not include "River," as that is a distinct area upriver] <CW> {III}

An event affecting this system was the subject of the book *The Place That Was Promised*. Events affecting this system inspired the essay "Blind Nightmare." People using this system were treated at St. Luke's International Hospital in the Chuo ward. People using this system wrapped packets in a copy of the Communist newspaper *Akahata* and used umbrellas to puncture the packets, kicking off an incident that killed 20 people. On March 20, 1995, this system was the victim of a sarin gas attack by the group Aum Shinrikyo. For the point, name this rapid transit system which partially runs underground of the Japanese capital city.

ANSWER: **Tokyo Subway** [or **Tokyo metro**; or *Tōkyō no chikatetsu*; prompt on **Tokyo Rapid Transit**] <MC> {II}

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The musician Thomas Dolby was the first member of one group dedicated to this theory. An early modern proponent of this theory was Samuel Rowbotham, who performed the Bedford Level experiment. John Hampden supported this non evolutionary theory and threatened to kill Alfred Russel Wallace after a debate about it. Samuel Shenton used "Zetetic" science to support this theory. Adherents to this idea usually take literally Revelation 7:1, which mentions angels standing at "four corners." For the point, name this crackpot theory that maintains the Earth is not a spheroid.

ANSWER: **flat Earth** theory [accept obvious descriptions] <MC> {III}

The 1884 "Jacko Affair" in British Columbia supported this theory. Tom Biscardi has gone to such places as Happy Camp, California, to try to prove this theory. The controversial Patterson-Gimlin film shot at the Klamath River backed up this theory. In support of this theory, the *Humboldt Times* of California published a photo of a man holding gigantic plaster cast imprints of prints found near a construction site, although the photo was most likely a hoax. For the point, name this theory which proposes the existence of an ape-like creature in the Pacific Northwest.

ANSWER: The theory that there is a **Bigfoot** [or the theory that there is a **Sasquatch**] <MC> {III}

This U.S. state contains the world's largest zinc mine, Red Dog Mine. Ore from that mine is transported through this state's Cape Krusenstern National Monument to the Chukchi Sea. A 40-square-mile ash flow is found in this state's Katmai National Park, and is called the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. Oil drilling takes place in its Prudhoe Bay, an inlet of the Beaufort Sea, which is connected by a pipeline to Valdez on Prince William Sound. For the point, name this state home to a mountain once called Mount McKinley, now called Denali.

ANSWER: **Alaska** <SH> {II}

This dish is made with spicy sausage and served in long strips in the Quad Cities area. Montanara is a fried version of this food. The New Haven style of this dish often features clams, and is served in Wooster Square by the restaurants Sally's and Pepe's. A processed mixture of cheddar, Swiss, and provolone known as Provel is popular in St. Louis varieties of this dish. It originated in Naples, and a classic variety topped with basil, tomato, and mozzarella is known as "Margherita." For the point, what popular Italian-American food is normally thin-crust in New York and deep-dish in Chicago?

ANSWER: **pizza** <CW> {II}