

SPELL YOUR WAY TO V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!



2016

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA SPELLING BEE

Lesson #3: Put It On The Map

Ever since the first National Spelling Bee was held in 1925, students from 28 states, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico have won the championship, including two from Oklahoma.

Besides the United States, spellers also come from the following U.S. territories:

American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; as well as the following countries: the Bahamas, Canada, China, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan, and Korea.

Students from Department of Defense schools in Europe also participate in the National Spelling Bee.



There was a tie in the 2015 Scripps National Spelling Bee, the winners were Vanya Shivashankar from Olathe, Kansas and Gokul Venkatachalam from Chesterfield, Missouri. The 2015 Central Oklahoma bee champion and National Spelling Bee first runner-up was from Norman, Oklahoma.

ACTIVITIES:

Using the map of cities related to last year's Scripps Spelling Bee and The Oklahoman archives, answer the following questions.

1. What is the total distance from Norman to Chesterfield, MO, going through Olathe, KS?
2. Assuming the roads followed a straight line, how long would it take to drive from Norman, through Olathe, to Chesterfield, MO at a rate of 60 miles per hour?
3. What is at least one historical landmark or event in each of the cities?
4. Who is the current mayor of each of the cities?

Visit <http://www.spellingbee.com/champions-and-their-winning-words> to find the list of all National Spelling Bee winners and their hometowns. Create a bar graph and a histogram for the winners by state, and then answer the following questions.

1. Which state has sent the most winners to the national bee?

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2. Which state has the biggest spread of years between winners?

 3. In what years were there two winners? _____
 4. What is the average number of winners per state? _____

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