

# Lesson #3: Put it on the Map



Ever since the first National Spelling Bee was held in 1925, students from 26 states have won the championship, including two from Oklahoma.

Spellers are not only from the United States, though. Students 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, New Zealand and South Korea.

Here in the Sooner State, the 2012 Central Oklahoma bee champion was from Perkins, Oklahoma.

The spelling bee was held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman.



## ACTIVITIES:

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

- 1) What is the total distance between the two cities?
- 2) Assuming the roads followed a straight line, how long would it take to drive through the cities 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? \_\_\_\_\_
- 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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Educators: It's not too late to register your school to participate in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Visit [nie.newsok.com/spellingbee](http://nie.newsok.com/spellingbee) today for more information!**