

**SMART STUFF**

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**Directions:** Have fun honing multiple-choice test-taking skills. Divide the class into two teams to play Smart Stuff. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Or, use Smart Stuff as a research activity. Students may research categories in groups or individually.

**WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY**

- Which animal typically does not live in the polar regions?
  - reindeer
  - penguins
  - snakes
- Approximately how deep is the Grand Canyon?
  - about 500 yards
  - about 1 mile
  - about 10 miles
- Which is Nebraska's largest city? (Hint: It's not the state capital!)
  - Omaha
  - Grand Island
  - Lincoln
- Which African country is an island?
  - Madagascar
  - Egypt
  - Senegal
- Which body of water lies between the countries of Australia and New Zealand?
  - Pacific Ocean
  - Coral Sea
  - Tasman Sea

**HISTORY**

- Which was the first state to secede from the U.S. in 1860?
  - Mississippi
  - Alabama
  - South Carolina
- When did England grant all women the right to vote?
  - 1832
  - 1900
  - 1928
- Which name refers to the network of ancient trade routes that connected Europe and China?
  - Silk Road
  - Burma Road
  - Crusades
- Which name did sea captain William Driver give the U.S. flag?
  - Old Glory
  - Star-Spangled Banner
  - Stars and Stripes
- How old was George Washington when he first took office as president?
  - 45
  - 57
  - 63

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Which state capital started out as Last Chance Gulch?
  - Helena, Montana
  - Carson City, Nevada
  - Sacramento, California
- Which country has a hotel built entirely of ice?
  - Sweden
  - Japan
  - New Zealand
- Which city is home to the pro football Hall of Fame?
  - Canton, Ohio
  - Buffalo, New York
  - Los Angeles, California
- Which is currently the world's tallest building?
  - Sears Tower
  - Taipei 101
  - Petronas Towers

- Tap dancing combines dance traditions from Africa and which other continent?
  - Asia
  - South America
  - Europe

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Who invented the compound pulley?
  - Euclid
  - Archimedes
  - Hiero I
- A space shuttle launch is a good example of Sir Issac Newton's third law of motion. What does that law say?
  - Every action has an equal and opposite reaction.
  - Water is purified when it passes through rocks.
  - All chemical processes are reversible.
- What is the study of the biological structure of living things called?
  - anatomy
  - cytology
  - ethology
- Which current moves water from the Atlantic Ocean into the Arctic Ocean?
  - East Greenland Current
  - North Atlantic Current
  - Labrador Current
- Which is not one of the three basic parts of an electric current?
  - source
  - output
  - bulb