

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

- What creates a caldera?
 - volcanic eruption
 - meteor impact
 - shifting tectonic plates
- Sumatra is part of which country?
 - Australia
 - Indonesia
 - China
- On which continent are Bantu languages widely spoken?
 - Asia
 - Africa
 - Europe
- Tasmanian devils live in which country?
 - Tasmania
 - South Africa
 - Australia
- The volcanoes that circle the Pacific Ocean are known collectively as what?
 - Richter's Ring
 - Tierra del Fuego
 - Ring of Fire
- Which nursing pioneer tended wounded soldiers during the Crimean War?
 - Florence Nightingale
 - Clara Barton
 - Walter Reed
- Whom did the Continental Congress elect to be commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775?
 - Alexander Hamilton
 - James Madison
 - George Washington
- Which British landmark did Guy Fawkes plan to blow up in the Gunpowder Plot?
 - Parliament
 - Buckingham Palace
 - Westminster Abbey

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Who is the only person to have played a Major League Baseball game and a National Football League game on the same day?
 - Jim Thorpe
 - Deion Sanders
 - Bo Jackson
- Who was the fairy queen in William Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?
 - Titania
 - Portia
 - Juliet
- Which inspired the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies?
 - a theme park ride
 - a book, *Treasure Island*
 - the live story of Sir Francis Drake

- Who wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
 - C.S. Lewis
 - Lewis Carroll
 - Beatrix Potter
- In Greek mythology, what kind of beast was the Minotaur?
 - half man, half goat
 - a huge lion
 - a man with a bull's head

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- In which science do people study motion, forces and energy?
 - biology
 - physics
 - chemistry
- What did Johannes Gutenberg invent?
 - printing press
 - paper
 - copy machine
- Who came up with the law of motion that states: "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction"?
 - Albert Einstein
 - Isaac Newton
 - Jean Foucault
- A joule is a measure of what?
 - energy
 - force
 - speed
- Who invented air-conditioning?
 - Elisha Graves Otis
 - Willis Haviland Carrier
 - Clarence Birdseye

HISTORY

- In ancient Egypt, which text guided souls to the afterlife?
 - Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Iliad
 - Book of the Dead
- According to legend, what did Queen Marie Antoinette say when she heard that French peasants were revolting because they had no bread?
 - Tell me about it!
 - Let them eat cake!
 - Brotherhood forever!