

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 country became an independent nation most recently?
 - Montenegro
 - Serbia
 - Timor-Leste
- In which country is the Three Gorges Dam under construction?
 - the Netherlands
 - United States
 - China
- The Falkland Islands and the South Sandwich Islands belong to which country?
 - Argentina
 - United States
 - Great Britain
- Which is the most widely spoken language in South America?
 - Spanish
 - Portuguese
 - Quechua
- Which mountain range is highest?
 - Andes
 - Himalayas
 - Canadian Rockies

HISTORY

- When was the Great Fire of London?
 - 1066
 - 1666
 - 1942
- The first Europeans to establish settlements in Pennsylvania came from which country?
 - The Netherlands

- Great Britain
- Sweden

- During which war was the Battle of Midway fought?
 - World War I
 - World War II
 - Vietnam War
- What did archaeologist Howard Carter discover in 1922?
 - the temple of Angkor Wat
 - the tomb of Tutankhamen
 - the Mayan city of Tikal
- Who conquered Mexico to claim it for Spain?
 - Hernán Cortes
 - Francisco Pizarro
 - Marco Polo

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Who wrote a diary describing her life during the Holocaust?
 - Anne Frank
 - Golda Meir
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
- In baseball, who holds the career record for the most strikeouts?
 - Kerry Wood
 - Nolan Ryan
 - Roger Clemens
- Who wrote the epic poem *The Odyssey*?
 - Socrates
 - Sophocles
 - Homer
- Haiku is a form of poetry that originated in which

country?

- China
- Japan
- Persia

- In Norse mythology, where did warriors killed in battle go?
 - Valhalla
 - Olympus
 - Nirvana

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- The Flying Shuttle and the Spinning Jenny were technological innovations in which industry?
 - aeronautic
 - textile
 - automobile
- Who used a pendulum to demonstrate Earth's rotation?
 - Jean-Bernard-Léon Foucault
 - Isaac Newton
 - Nicolaus Copernicus
- In 1844, which was the fastest way for people to communicate?
 - pony express
 - telegraph
 - telephone
- In which year did the first person land on the moon?
 - 1965
 - 1969
 - 1972
- Splitting the nucleus of an atom causes what?
 - nuclear fusion
 - nuclear fission
 - nuclear meltdown