

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 river does *not* run through France?
 - Seine
 - Rhone
 - Thames
- What is the official language of Brazil?
 - Portuguese
 - Spanish
 - French
- Where was "Lucy," one of the most complete prehuman ancestors, found?
 - Kenya
 - South Africa
 - Ethiopia
- Which country borders North Korea, Mongolia, and Finland?
 - Russia
 - China
 - India
- Which of these revolutions happened first?
 - Russian Revolution
 - French Revolution
 - American Revolution

HISTORY

- When did California become a state?
 - 1850
 - 1876
 - 1901
- Which was the first national park established in the United States?
 - Yellowstone
 - Yosemite
 - Everglades

- To how many terms was U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt elected?
 - two
 - three
 - four
- Who met at the Yalta Conference in 1945?
 - Joseph Stalin, Winston Churchill, and Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Vladimir Lenin, Neville Chamberlain, and Woodrow Wilson
 - Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, and Hirohito
- What was Christopher Columbus seeking when he sailed west across the Atlantic Ocean?
 - tropical islands for royal vacations
 - a new route to Asia
 - new land to colonize

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- According to the American Library Association, what was the most challenged book of 2006?
 - And Tango Makes Three*
 - To Kill a Mockingbird*
 - The Bluest Eye*
- Which American movie had the top box-office sales of all time?
 - Spider-Man 2*
 - Titanic*
 - Star Wars*
- Which actor has won the most Tony Awards?
 - Julie Harris
 - Amanda Plummer
 - Kate Burton

- In basketball, how many points is each free throw worth?
 - 2
 - 3
 - 6
- How many Olympic gold medals did swimmer and *Tarzan* actor Johnny Weissmuller win in the 1920s?
 - three
 - five
 - eight

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- What is the name for the scientific study of heredity?
 - genealogy
 - genetics
 - geology
- Which element is named for the native land of Marie Curie, who discovered it with her husband in 1898?
 - polonium
 - californium
 - krypton
- Who was the first woman in space?
 - Roberta Bondar
 - Sally K. Ride
 - Valentina Tereshkova
- Approximately how many species of cockroach exist?
 - 1,000
 - 2,500
 - more than 3,500
- How many rings does the planet Saturn have?
 - one
 - seven
 - 15