

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

1. Which two countries are located on the Iberian Peninsula?
 - A. Spain and Portugal
 - B. Greece and Albania
 - C. Norway and Sweden
2. Darfur is a region of which country?
 - A. Chad
 - B. Sudan
 - C. Somalia
3. Which body of water lies between the continents of Africa and Europe?
 - A. Atlantic Ocean
 - B. Mediterranean Sea
 - C. Indian Ocean
4. The flag of which country is light blue with a white star in the center?
 - A. Israel
 - B. Somalia
 - C. Vietnam

HISTORY

1. Which English king signed the Magna Carta?
 - A. John
 - B. Henry III
 - C. Edward I
2. Where did Marco Polo explore?
 - A. Siberia
 - B. Asia
 - C. Africa

3. Where did the Vikings originally come from?
 - A. Iceland
 - B. Greenland
 - C. Scandinavia
4. When Great Britain established a colony in New South Wales, Australia, who lived there?
 - A. Catholics
 - B. prisoners of war
 - C. convicts
5. In what present-day country did the ancient city of Babylon exist?
 - A. Egypt
 - B. Morocco
 - C. Iraq

CULTURE AND SPORTS

1. Which of the following characters existed only in fiction?
 - A. Robin Hood
 - B. Casanova
 - C. Sherlock Holmes
2. What is the longest running show on Broadway?
 - A. *Cats*
 - B. *Les Misérables*
 - C. *Phantom of the Opera*
3. How many games do National Football League (NFL) teams play during the regular season?
 - A. 10
 - B. 16
 - C. 24
4. Who holds the world's record for the fastest time swimming the 200-meter butterfly?
 - A. Michael Phelps
 - B. Leila Vaziri

C. Brendan Hansen

5. Which film won the best movie award at the 2007 MTV Movie Awards?
 - A. *Borat*
 - B. *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*
 - C. *Little Miss Sunshine*

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Which is the study of matter and energy?
 - A. chemistry
 - B. physics
 - C. petrology
2. Which is the most common element in Earth's crust?
 - A. silicon
 - B. iron
 - C. oxygen
3. How many constellations are officially recognized?
 - A. 24
 - B. 88
 - C. 312
4. Which is not a color of the visible color spectrum?
 - A. violet
 - B. indigo
 - C. white
5. What is 30 degrees Celsius equal to in Fahrenheit?
 - A. 0 degrees
 - B. 86 degrees
 - C. 110 degrees