

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 is completely surrounded by South Africa?
A. Rwanda
B. Swaziland
C. Lesotho
- How many time zones does China use?
A. one B. three C. five
- What is the world's largest volcano?
A. Mount Etna
B. Cotopaxi
C. Mauna Loa
- Which is *not* a type of grassland?
A. a steppe
B. a rain forest
C. a prairie
- When most of Earth's landmasses were part of the supercontinent Rodinia, where was North America located?
A. on the eastern coast
B. on the most northern part
C. in the center

HISTORY

- Which of the following was passed by the British government in response to the Boston Tea Party?
A. Tea Act
B. Stamp Act
C. Intolerable Acts
- Where did Ponce de León die?
A. Italy
B. Cuba
C. Florida

- Which British royal house did Henry VII, Henry VIII, and Elizabeth I belong to?
A. Stuart
B. Tudor
C. Hanover
- Which of the following occurred the day after Paul Revere made his famous ride warning that the British were coming?
A. the battles of Lexington and Concord
B. the signing of the Declaration of Independence
C. the ratification of the U.S. Constitution
- What country did John Cabot sail to North America for?
A. France
B. England
C. Spain

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which musical instrument's name also means "soft" in music-speak?
A. violin
B. flute
C. piano
- In which year did Billy Rose's Aquacade, a synchronized swimming show, first appear at the World's Fair?
A. 1925 B. 1939 C. 1941
- Which sport most closely resembles American football?
A. rugby
B. soccer

C. lacrosse

- When was the first Nobel Prize in literature awarded?
A. 1901 B. 1919 C. 1944
- Who wrote *The Old Man and The Sea*?
A. Mark Twain
B. Herman Melville
C. Ernest Hemingway

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which substance is not found in nature?
A. neon
B. nylon
C. latex
- What is a one-celled organism that has more than 30,000 species?
A. protozoan
B. mollusk
C. echinoderm
- How fast can an American elk run?
A. 60 miles per hour
B. 45 miles per hour
C. 25 miles per hour
- What did Ladislo Biro invent?
A. dry erase board
B. inner tube
C. ballpoint pen
- What do scientists use to determine the age of ancient objects and fossils?
A. superposition
B. radiocarbon dating
C. speed dating