

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

- Farms make up approximately what percentage of land in Nebraska?
 - 45 percent
 - 75 percent
 - 95 percent
- Which Asian country comprises 1,200 small islands in the Indian Ocean that are protected by barrier reefs?
 - Sri Lanka
 - Maldives
 - Oman
- When a hurricane occurs in the North Pacific Ocean, what is it called?
 - cyclone
 - tsunami
 - typhoon
- Which way do wind-driven water currents flow in the Southern Hemisphere?
 - clockwise
 - counterclockwise
 - toward the South Pole
- Which of the following is not a part of Earth's lithosphere?
 - mantle
 - crust
 - oceans

HISTORY

- Which Chilean leader was charged with crimes against humanity for brutally repressing political opposition?
 - Juan Domingo Perón
 - Augusto Pinochet
 - Salvador Allende Gossens

- Which captain was believed to be lost at sea?
 - John Cabot
 - Marco Polo
 - Christopher Columbus
- Where did most people live in ancient Egypt?
 - the Nile River Valley
 - near the pyramids
 - in the mountains to the east of the valley
- Which war did the United States take part in the longest?
 - Revolutionary War
 - World War II
 - Vietnam War
- How many crusades to the Holy Land did Louis IX, the French king, lead?
 - 5
 - 2
 - 8

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which ballet term refers to a dance for two people?
 - pas de deux
 - port de bras
 - rond de jambe
- Which famous jazz musician is credited for creating the bebop jazz movement with Dizzy Gillespie and Thelonious Monk?
 - John Coltrane
 - Miles Davis
 - Charlie Parker
- In which 1930s movie does Scarlett O'Hara exclaim, "tomorrow is another day"?
 - Gone with the Wind*

- Grand Hotel*
- Little Women*

- Which hockey term refers to a player scoring three goals in a game?
 - deke
 - hat trick
 - breakaway
- Which artist painted *Black Iris*?
 - Georgia O'Keeffe
 - Claude Monet
 - Jasper Johns

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- When did Sir Isaac Newton publish his laws of motion?
 - 1462
 - 1687
 - 1898
- Who was the first pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean nonstop?
 - Charles Lindbergh
 - Amelia Earhart
 - Orville Wright
- Which fuel is not made of refined petroleum?
 - diesel
 - kerosene
 - ethanol
- What is the chemical formula for salt?
 - NaCl
 - H₂O
 - Ca
- When the next solar eclipse occurs on Aug. 1, 2008, from where will it most clearly be seen?
 - southwestern Europe
 - western Pacific Ocean
 - Siberia