

**SMART STUFF**

**Directions:** Have fun honing multiple-choice test-taking skills. Divide the class into two teams to play Smart Stuff, or have students find the answers themselves. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Smart Stuff is an ideal activity for students to practice their Internet research skills.

**WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY**

- What covers most of Florida's Merritt Island?
    - Daytona International Speedway
    - Kennedy Space Center
    - the Everglades
  - Which country launches satellite-carrying rockets from Baikonur, Kazakhstan?
    - India
    - Iran
    - Russia
  - A meteorite struck Earth at least 20,000 years ago and left a famous crater near which U.S. city?
    - Newark, N.J.
    - Winslow, Ariz.
    - St. Paul, Minn.
  - Scientists think they found an asteroid crater wider than Ohio on which continent?
    - Africa
    - Australia
    - Antarctica
  - Where is NASA's Mission Control Center?
    - Houston
    - Miami
    - Los Angeles
- What happened for the first time on July 20, 1969?
    - A satellite was launched.
    - A human walked on the moon.
    - Pluto was spotted.
  - Which astronaut said walking on the moon was: "One giant leap for mankind"?
    - Alan Shepard
    - Neil Armstrong
    - John Glenn
  - Who was the first human to walk in space?
    - Russian Alexei Leonov
    - American John Glenn
    - American Buzz Aldrin
  - What was *Freedom 7* the first U.S. spacecraft to do?
    - carry a human into space
    - land on the moon
    - dock at a space station

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- What does the acronym NASA stand for?
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration
  - Next Adventure into Space Administration
  - Nautical Agency for Space Acceleration
- What are Russian space explorers called?
  - astronauts
  - cosmonauts
  - dekkingsreizigers
- Who was Laika?
  - the first animal in space
  - the first dog in orbit
  - NASA's first mascot

**HISTORY**

- Which was the term for the fierce competition between the United States and the Soviet Union to be the first to send humans into space?
  - the great space race
  - moon launch madness
  - to infinity and beyond

- Which were the first living creatures intentionally sent into space?
  - fruit flies
  - monkeys
  - dogs
- Which did Alan Shepard do on the the moon during his Apollo 14 mission that made sports fans applaud?
  - He hit a golf ball.
  - He threw a football.
  - He rode a racing bike.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- How is Pluto officially classified today?
  - as a plutoid
  - as a planet
  - as a dwarf star
- Which is not used as fuel for the U.S. space shuttles?
  - monomethyl hydrazine
  - liquid hydrogen
  - bio-diesel
- Which galaxy is home to our solar system?
  - the Milky Way
  - Andromeda
  - Triangulum
- What does the Global Positioning System (GPS) use to pinpoint locations on Earth?
  - star patterns
  - road sensors
  - satellites
- What do Vostok, Atlas, and Titan have in common?
  - they are Greek gods
  - they are space rockets
  - they are Saturn's moons