

**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, 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**

- Which mountainous European country is known for its political neutrality?
    - France
    - Spain
    - Switzerland
  - Which river does not run through France?
    - Seine
    - Rhone
    - Thames
  - What is the largest active volcano in Europe?
    - Stromboli
    - Mount Etna
    - Vesuvius
  - Which country includes more than 2,000 islands, the largest of which is Crete?
    - Indonesia
    - Sweden
    - Greece
  - Which two countries make up the Iberian Peninsula?
    - Spain and Portugal
    - Greece and Albania
    - Norway and Sweden
- Who did John F. Kennedy face in the first televised presidential debate?
    - Bobby Kennedy
    - George McGovern
    - Richard Nixon
  - What was Christopher Columbus seeking when he sailed west across the Atlantic Ocean?
    - a vacation home
    - a new route to Asia
    - a new land to colonize
  - Which wall was torn down on Nov. 9, 1989?
    - Great Wall of China
    - Berlin Wall
    - Wailing Wall
  - What happened on Black Tuesday, Oct. 29, 1929?
    - a stock market crash
    - a plane crash
    - a solar eclipse

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Who wrote Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?
  - Beverly Cleary
  - Lemmon Snicket
  - Roald Dahl
- The sport called "football" in Europe is known as what in the United States?
  - rugby
  - soccer
  - hockey
- What caused London theaters to close in 1592?
  - war
  - a shortage of actors
  - the plague

- Which famous painter created the style known as cubism?
  - Pablo Picasso
  - Michelangelo
  - Henri Matisse
- In which year was the first official World Series played?
  - 1890
  - 1903
  - 1919

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Which scientists won Nobel Prizes in physics in 1903 and chemistry in 1911?
  - Marie Curie
  - Ladislao Biro
  - Leonardo da Vinci
- What did the V-2 Number 13 snap photos of for the first time ever on Oct. 24, 1946?
  - a giant octopus
  - an asteroid
  - Earth from space
- What is a myocardial infarction better known as?
  - a heart attack
  - a redwood tree
  - a speeding ticket
- One quarter of all plant species on Earth are native to which location?
  - the Amazon basin
  - the Sahara
  - Greenland
- What is *Leptotyphlops carlae*?
  - the world's smallest snake
  - the world's fattest fish
  - the world's smartest breed of monkey

**HISTORY**

- President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862. What did that presidential order do?
  - declared war on France
  - asserted United States independence from Britain
  - declared all slaves in states still rebelling to be free as of Jan. 1, 1863