

**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 U.S. state has the largest population?
  - California
  - New York
  - Texas
- Mount Vernon was home to which U.S. president?
  - Thomas Jefferson
  - George Washington
  - Abraham Lincoln
- Where is the southernmost point in the U.S.?
  - Texas
  - Hawaii
  - Florida
- Which U.S. president is not featured on Mt. Rushmore?
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Theodore Roosevelt
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Which monument is the largest gift given from one country to another?
  - the Eiffel Tower
  - Mt. Rushmore
  - the Statue of Liberty
- In which state can you visit the former house of a 19th-century king and queen?
  - Texas
  - Hawaii
  - Arkansas
- What was the "State of the Union" speech known as before 1942?
  - Inaugural Address
  - President's Address
  - Annual Message
- Who was the only U.S. president to be elected unanimously by the Electoral College?
  - George Washington
  - Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - George W. Bush

**POLITICAL CULTURE**

- Who was the first U.S. president to live in the White House?
  - John Adams
  - George Washington
  - Abraham Lincoln
- Who started the tradition of the presidential "first pitch" of baseball season?
  - Jimmy Carter
  - Woodrow Wilson
  - William Howard Taft
- Francis Scott Key wrote this patriotic poem in 1814 after the British attacked Baltimore.
  - "Star-Spangled Banner"
  - "The Pledge of Allegiance"
  - "God Bless America"

- What does the U.S. motto "E pluribus unum" mean?
  - "Long live our country"
  - "Out of many, one"
  - "Each man for himself"
- Which animal is not a U.S. political party symbol?
  - elephant
  - tiger
  - donkey

**NUMBERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

- How many people are in the United States House of Representatives?
  - 100
  - 355
  - 435
- Election Day is always which day of the week?
  - Monday
  - Tuesday
  - Wednesday
- How old do you have to be to vote in the U.S.?
  - 16
  - 18
  - 21
- Which country first adopted the paper ballot system and requires its citizens to vote?
  - Australia
  - China
  - United States
- How many rooms are in the White House?
  - 54
  - 132
  - 450

**HISTORY**

- Which U.S. president resigned?
  - Andrew Johnson
  - Bill Clinton
  - Richard Nixon
- Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
  - 11th
  - 13th
  - 19th