

**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**

- The Acropolis is in which city?
  - Athens
  - Rome
  - Beijing
- What body of water between France and Great Britain connects the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean? (Its French name is La Manche, or "The Sleeve.")
  - the Strait of Gibraltar
  - the English Channel
  - the Grand Canal
- Which country straddles the equator and includes the Galapagos Islands?
  - Colombia
  - Chile
  - Ecuador
- Approximately how long is the Great Wall of China?
  - 800 miles
  - 4,000 miles
  - 10,000 miles
- Joshua Tree National Park is in which U.S. state?
  - Colorado
  - Florida
  - California
- Who was the youngest president to take office, at 42 years old?
  - Theodore Roosevelt
  - Bill Clinton
  - Grover Cleveland
- The attack on Pearl Harbor pulled the United States into which war?
  - Cold War
  - World War I
  - World War II
- What did the 13th Amendment abolish?
  - liquor
  - slavery
  - term limits
- Who delivered the Gettysburg Address?
  - John F. Kennedy
  - Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - Abraham Lincoln

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Toilet paper was invented in the 14th century in which country?
  - Egypt
  - China
  - England
- What was the first bicycle called?
  - the two-wheeler
  - the stingray
  - the hobby horse
- Which city is home to a clock named Big Ben?
  - Paris
  - Madrid
  - London

**HISTORY**

- Which newspaper has won 96 Pulitzer Prizes for Journalism and Pulitzer special citations, the most of any newspaper?
  - The New York Times*
  - The Washington Post*
  - Los Angeles Times*

- What is the Iditarod?
  - a sled dog race
  - a car show
  - a horse race
- Which gymnast scored a perfect 10 in an Olympic event for the first time when she was just 14?
  - Olga Korbut
  - Nadia Comaneci
  - Mary Lou Retton

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- What do John Glenn, James Lovell, Jr., and Ellen Ochoa all have in common?
  - They were doctors.
  - They were astronomers.
  - They were astronauts.
- What is the outermost surface of Earth called?
  - crust
  - core
  - mantle
- What is the process by which water is converted from its liquid form to vapor?
  - freezing
  - evaporation
  - condensation
- Which planet is the biggest and has the most moons?
  - Venus
  - Jupiter
  - Saturn
- Which item didn't Benjamin Franklin invent?
  - the lightning rod
  - bifocals
  - the telephone