

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

- Dinosaurs first appeared more than 200 million years ago, during which period?
 - Triassic
 - Jurassic
 - Cretaceous
 - What is the world's most populous nation?
 - Great Britain
 - Russia
 - China
 - What can be found on maps at 0 degrees longitude?
 - the equator
 - the prime meridian
 - the Arctic Circle
 - Which is the coldest, windiest, and driest place on Earth?
 - The North Pole
 - The South Pole
 - Greenland
 - At the beginning of the Mesozoic Era, Earth contained a supercontinent called what?
 - Pangaea
 - Antarctica
 - Permian
- Which astronomer said in 1543 that the universe was sun-centered?
 - Galileo Galilei
 - Ptolemy
 - Nicolaus Copernicus
 - Montezuma ruled which ancient empire?
 - Roman
 - Aztec
 - Mayan
 - Who founded the first U.S. settlement west of the Appalachian Mountains?
 - Daniel Boone
 - John Smith
 - Christopher Columbus
 - Which U.S. president proclaimed Father's Day an official holiday in 1972?
 - Richard Nixon
 - Jimmy Carter
 - Lyndon Johnson
- What do Johnny Cash, Ringo Star, and Chuck Berry have in common?
 - They are authors.
 - They are musicians.
 - They are scientists.
 - Which book was not written by Roald Dahl?
 - Danny the Champion of the World*
 - Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*
 - Jack and the Giant Apple*

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Scurvy is a disease caused by a lack of which vitamin?
 - A
 - B
 - C
- Nebula* is Greek for which word?
 - cloud
 - moon
 - stone
- What did Marie Curie first discover?
 - penicillin
 - radium
 - cancer
- Which animal is not a crustacean or arthropod?
 - lobster
 - hermit crab
 - swordfish
- Who took the first U.S. space walk in 1965?
 - Buzz Aldrin
 - Ed White
 - Neil Armstrong

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which duo invented and flew the first airplane?
 - The Marx brothers
 - The Ringling brothers
 - The Wright brothers
- Which horse race is not part of the Triple Crown?
 - Breeders' Cup
 - Belmont Stakes
 - Kentucky Derby
- What holiday falls on the second Sunday in May?
 - Veterans Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Mother's Day

HISTORY

- Which U.S. president signed the Voting Rights Act in 1965, allowing more African Americans to vote?
 - Ronald Reagan
 - Richard Nixon
 - Lyndon Johnson