

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 is the highest peak in Canada?
 - Mount Logan
 - Mount St. Helens
 - Mount McKinley
 - The former Soviet Union became how many independent states?
 - 10
 - 15
 - 25
 - Which is not one of the Great Lakes?
 - Lake Huron
 - Lake Ontario
 - Lake Tahoe
 - In which city is the Pantheon located?
 - Rome
 - Athens
 - London
 - In Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras, you can find ruins of which pre-Columbian civilization?
 - Mayan
 - Aztec
 - Inca
- Which war was called the "Great War"?
 - World War I
 - World War II
 - the Vietnam War
 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in front of which monument?
 - Washington Monument
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Jefferson Memorial
 - Who was the first U.S. secretary of the treasury? He was killed in a duel.
 - George Washington
 - Aaron Burr
 - Alexander Hamilton
 - Who won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize?
 - Kofi Annan
 - Al Gore
 - Jimmy Carter

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which musician is known as "the King"?
 - Bruce Springsteen
 - Paul McCartney
 - Elvis Presley
- Which is nearest to the total population of Earth?
 - 4 billion
 - 7 billion
 - 10 billion
- How many times has Brazil's soccer team won the World Cup?
 - zero
 - two
 - five

HISTORY

- The first commercial coin-operated vending machines were introduced in London in the 1800s. What did they dispense?
 - postcards
 - candy
 - stamps

- What did Charles Darwin, Max Planck and Nikola Tesla have in common?
 - They were all authors
 - They were all scientists
 - They were all musicians
- Which company introduced the first box of chocolates in 1854?
 - Whitmans
 - Russell Stover
 - Hershey's

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Who invented a coat hanger, a hideaway bed, and a calendar clock?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Thomas Edison
 - Albert Einstein
- What are the hooded pitohui and the blue-capped ifrita?
 - insect larvae
 - poisonous birds
 - mountain ranges
- How many moons does Mars have?
 - one
 - two
 - three
- Which is not one of the three type of rock?
 - igneous
 - metamorphic
 - lava
- Who invented the first electric-powered washing machine, called the Thor?
 - Thomas Edison
 - Adolf Hurley
 - Alva J. Fisher.