

**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**

- What is the distance between New York City and Los Angeles?
    - 462 miles
    - 2,462 miles
    - 24,620 miles
  - Which country is home to approximately one in every five people on Earth?
    - Russia
    - United States
    - China
  - What is the largest desert in North America?
    - The Chihuahuan
    - The Sahara
    - The Mojave
  - In which city could a tourist ride a gondola along the Grand Canal?
    - Paris
    - Venice
    - London
  - The flag of the United Kingdom, known as the Union Jack, represents the flags of which three nations?
    - Ireland, England, Wales
    - France, Ireland, England
    - England, Ireland, Scotland
- What was the Wall Street crash that started the Great Depression called?
    - Silent Monday
    - Black Tuesday
    - Dark Wednesday
  - In what year was NASA formed?
    - 1948
    - 1958
    - 1968
  - Which person was a South African anti-apartheid leader?
    - Martin Luther King
    - W.E.B. Dubois
    - Nelson Mandela
  - Who was the only person to serve as U.S. president and vice president without being elected to either?
    - Gerald Ford
    - Richard Nixon
    - Lyndon Johnson

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Where was the first U.S. roller coaster built?
  - Six Flags
  - Hershey Park
  - Coney Island
- Which is nearest to the total U.S. population?
  - 100 million
  - 200 million
  - 300 million
- What sport do Ana Ivanovic and Rafael Nadal play?
  - rugby
  - tennis
  - basketball

**HISTORY**

- Which was not a cause of the War of 1812?
  - Britain seized U.S. ships trading with Spain
  - Britain incited Native Americans to attack
  - Britain seized U.S. sailors it claimed were deserters

- What was completed between Boston and New York on March 27, 1884?
  - the first marathon
  - the first long-distance telephone call
  - the first airplane flight
- Which book's subtitle is "Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread"?
  - The Princess and the Pea
  - The Mouse Knight
  - The Tale of Despereaux

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- What organization did Clara Barton found in 1881?
  - The American Red Cross
  - The United Nations
  - The Peace Corps
- What is firnification?
  - the process of cell division
  - the conversion of water to vapor
  - the transformation of snow into land ice
- How many feet are in 1 mile?
  - 4,800 feet
  - 5,280 feet
  - 6,999 feet
- Which is an immense spherical cloud surrounding our solar system?
  - the black hole
  - the Oort Cloud
  - the atmosphere
- Who invented adhesive tape?
  - Richard G. Drew
  - Erik Rotheim
  - Isabella L. Karle