

**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 natural wonder is located halfway between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario?
  - Niagara Falls
  - Taughannock Falls
  - Wappingers Falls
- Which U.S. state is home to the Rainbow Bridge National Monument?
  - New Mexico
  - California
  - Utah
- Which mountain range is considered a boundary between Asia and Europe?
  - the Ural Mountains
  - the Caucasus Mountains
  - the Alps
- The Great Sandy Desert is located on what continent?
  - Australia
  - North America
  - Asia
- Which U.S. state's name comes from an Algonquin word meaning "river of the big canoes"?
  - Missouri
  - Alaska
  - Connecticut

**HISTORY**

- Twelve of the 13 colonies sent delegates to the First Continental Congress in 1774. Which colony did not attend?
  - Georgia
  - Pennsylvania
  - New York

- Who was secretary of state under President Bill Clinton from 1997 to 2001?
  - Colin Powell
  - Madeleine Albright
  - Condoleezza Rice
- From which nation did the U.S. acquire the Louisiana Purchase in 1803?
  - England
  - France
  - Spain
- Which of Spain's overseas territories did the U.S. not gain in 1898?
  - Cuba
  - Puerto Rico
  - Colombia
- Who wrote the Federalist Papers?
  - Thomas Jefferson
  - George Washington
  - Alexander Hamilton

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Which player broke the color barrier in major league baseball in 1947?
  - Bud Fowler
  - Jackie Robinson
  - Larry Doby
- Who wrote *Leaves of Grass*?
  - Ralph Waldo Emerson
  - Walt Whitman
  - Henry David Thoreau
- Which game is similar to snooker, a sport played on a table?
  - table tennis
  - air hockey
  - pool
- Which award-winning musical did Andrew Lloyd Webber compose?
  - Cats
  - Les Misérables
  - Rent
- Which children's book was written by Margery Williams?
  - Corduroy*
  - Goodnight Moon*
  - The Velveteen Rabbit*

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Who developed dozens of products from peanuts?
  - George Washington Carver
  - Thomas Jefferson
  - Eli Whitney
- Which instrument was the first used to determine the altitude of objects in the sky?
  - an astrolabe
  - a telescope
  - a sextant
- If a person weighs 60 pounds on Earth, how much would they weigh on the moon?
  - 0 pounds
  - 10 pounds
  - 60 pounds
- Which is not one of the main kinds of volcanoes?
  - cinder cones
  - shield volcanoes
  - vent volcanoes
- What sugary confection was invented in 1897 by William Morrison and John C. Wharton, from Tennessee?
  - cotton candy
  - taffy
  - jelly beans