

**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 highest surface winds ever recorded in the US were on which mountain?
  - Mount Rainier
  - Mount McKinley
  - Mount Washington
- Which is closest to the current scientific estimate for the age of Earth?
  - 2 billion years old
  - 5 billion years old
  - 10 billion years old
- Which U.S. state got its name from a Sioux word for "south wind people"?
  - Kansas
  - Texas
  - Missouri
- How many Great Lakes are there?
  - three
  - four
  - five
- Which of the following states boasts more cows than people?
  - Colorado
  - Montana
  - New Hampshire
- The 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor occurred in which U.S. state?
  - California
  - Florida
  - Hawaii
- What was the largest man-made object ever to fly?
  - USS *Akron*
  - The *Hindenburg*
  - Graf Zeppelin II*
- Which state did the U.S. not gain after the Mexican War?
  - California
  - Nevada
  - Texas
- Who was the fifth U.S. president?
  - James Monroe
  - James Madison
  - John Quincy Adams

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- The Baseball Hall of Fame was founded in 1936 in which city?
  - Cooperstown, NY
  - Philadelphia, PA
  - Cincinnati, OH
- Who was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean?
  - Eleanor Roosevelt
  - Amelia Earhart
  - Amelie Besse
- Who won two Grammy Awards in 2008?
  - Alicia Keys
  - U2
  - Coldplay

- What sport do Abby Wambach and David Beckham both play?
  - tennis
  - basketball
  - soccer
- What is a perfect score in bowling?
  - 100
  - 200
  - 300

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- What is the term for the time it takes for half of a radioactive element to decay?
  - half-life
  - half-time
  - half-decay
- What planet is named after the goddess of love?
  - Mercury
  - Neptune
  - Venus
- How many meters are in a kilometer?
  - 10
  - 100
  - 1,000
- What is the term for rock formed by buildup of material at the bottom of water?
  - magma
  - sedimentary
  - igneous
- What is the transfer of a fluid from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration known as?
  - evaporation
  - condensation
  - osmosis

**HISTORY**

- Who was a four-star general, a chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a secretary of state, and a national security adviser?
  - Colin Powell
  - Dwight D. Eisenhower
  - George Washington