

**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 a *mistral*?
    - a tropical fish
    - a wildflower that grows in the Alps in Switzerland
    - a strong, cool wind that blows in southern France
  - Sitting Bull belonged to which Native American tribe?
    - Sioux
    - Cherokee
    - Wampanoag
  - Where would you find the Western Wall?
    - Berlin
    - Washington, D.C.
    - Jerusalem
  - In which country would you find the Mayan ruins of Tikal?
    - Guatemala
    - Chile
    - Spain
  - Which nation includes the islands of Bali, Java, Sulawesi, and Sumatra?
    - Australia
    - Indonesia
    - Japan
- World War II began after Germany invaded which country?
    - France
    - Italy
    - Poland
  - Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance?
    - Francis Scott Key
    - Francis Bellamy
    - Samuel Francis Smith
  - Christopher Columbus was born in what is now which country?
    - United States
    - Italy
    - England
  - In what war was the Battle of Normandy fought?
    - Franco-Prussian War
    - World War I
    - World War II

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- What did Yankee Doodle call the feather in his hat?
    - a plume
    - macaroni
    - doodle
  - Who was the shortest U.S. president?
    - Herbert Hoover
    - Grover Cleveland
    - James Madison
  - Which track star won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin?
    - Jackie Joyner-Kersey
    - Jesse Owens
    - Marion Jones
- Who is the only U.S. president to be right-handed since Jimmy Carter left office in 1981?
    - Ronald Reagan
    - Bill Clinton
    - George W. Bush
  - Which author wrote a book series about a character nicknamed Rabbit?
    - John Updike
    - George Orwell
    - J.D. Salinger

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Which didn't George Washington Carver make from peanuts?
  - cotton
  - ink
  - paper
- An equine is which type of animal?
  - cat
  - elephant
  - horse
- The vagus nerve connects the brain to the
  - arms and legs
  - heart and stomach
  - eyes and ears
- Which planet did Sir William Herschel discover?
  - Venus
  - Uranus
  - Jupiter
- What astronomical event occurs every 76 years?
  - total solar eclipse
  - Perseids meteor shower
  - Halley's comet passes Earth

**HISTORY**

- Which organization was established in 1945 to help keep global peace?
  - the United Nations
  - North American Free Trade Agreement
  - the World Trade Organization