

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 oldest national park in the United States?
 - Joshua Tree
 - Denali
 - Yellowstone
- Off which continent would you find the Weddell Sea?
 - South America
 - Antarctica
 - Asia
- In which U.S. city would you find the Alamo?
 - San Antonio, Texas
 - Houston, Texas
 - Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Which is the most widely spoken language in the world?
 - English
 - Spanish
 - Mandarin
- In which city is the headquarters of the Mormon church?
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Rome
 - Salt Lake City
- Which U.S. president died of pneumonia after only 30 days in office?
 - Harry S. Truman
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - William Henry Harrison
- How many nations are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?
 - 12
 - 18
 - 26
- Who was the U.S. naval officer who led the expedition that established relations with Japan in 1853?
 - Commodore Matthew C. Perry
 - Jacques Cousteau
 - Capt. Robert F. Scott

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which instrument were Dizzy Gillespie and Louis Armstrong famous for playing?
 - piano
 - trumpet
 - drums
- How many miles do athletes run in a marathon?
 - 10.5
 - 26.2
 - 30
- Which artist was best known for the style of painting called cubism?
 - Edgar Degas
 - Amedeo Modigliani
 - Pablo Picasso

HISTORY

- Who was the Fascist leader of Italy during World War II?
 - Hitler
 - Mussolini
 - Berlusconi
- In which city is the Watergate complex located?
 - Paris
 - London
 - Washington, D.C.

- Which mythical Greek monster was part man and part bull?
 - Minotaur
 - Cyclops
 - the Loch Ness monster
- Where does the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race take place?
 - Antarctica
 - Norway
 - Alaska

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- How many compartments does a cow's stomach have?
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
- Who discovered the antibiotic penicillin?
 - Marie Curie
 - Alexander Fleming
 - Benjamin Franklin
- Which is the largest fish in the world?
 - whale shark
 - white shark
 - killer whale
- Who has made a career of studying primates and is a leading authority on wild chimpanzees?
 - Joan Bushnell
 - Jane Godall
 - Margaret Mead
- Which planet has the largest moon?
 - Venus
 - Pluto
 - Jupiter