

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

- Where is the Strait of Magellan located?
 - South America
 - the Caribbean
 - Africa
- How many nautical miles from shore do a country's territorial waters typically extend?
 - 1
 - 5
 - 12
- Where is the United Nations headquarters located?
 - Geneva, Switzerland
 - New York, New York, USA
 - Paris, France
- Antarctica is a possession of which country?
 - Great Britain
 - Russia
 - No single country owns Antarctica
- Which river provides the Nile River with two-thirds of its water supply during the rainy season?
 - Blue Nile
 - White Nile
 - Niger

HISTORY

- Who was the 11th president of the United States?
 - James Madison
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - James K. Polk
- Who won the first battle of the American Revolution?

- George Washington's army at Trenton
 - Massachusetts militia men at Lexington and Concord
 - the redcoats at Lexington and Concord
- What was Ponce de León's first name?
 - Ponce
 - Diego
 - Juan
 - In what present-day town was the first permanent English settlement in North America located?
 - Jamestown, Va.
 - Plymouth, Mass.
 - Boston, Mass.
 - How many years in office did U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt serve?
 - 12
 - 10
 - 8

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Who wrote the book *Middlemarch*?
 - Emily Bronte
 - George Eliot
 - Charles Dickens
- What do the Tony Awards honor?
 - Broadway shows
 - foreign films
 - independent music
- Who was the first woman to swim across the English Channel?
 - Florence Chadwick
 - Lynne Cox
 - Gertrude Ederle

- Who painted *American Gothic*?
 - Andrew Wyeth
 - Grant Wood
 - Claude Monet
- How many games do NBA teams play during the regular season?
 - 65
 - 82
 - 90

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which gas makes up 78 percent of Earth's atmosphere?
 - carbon dioxide
 - oxygen
 - nitrogen
- What does a pathologist do?
 - studies diseases and their effects on the body
 - gives lie-detector tests
 - investigates crime scenes
- Which planet has the most moons?
 - Saturn
 - Jupiter
 - Neptune
- How many inches are in 1 meter?
 - 23.76
 - 36
 - 39.37
- What caused the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in 1986?
 - a misfired nuclear bomb test that struck an administration building
 - an accidental overloading of a tanker of uranium, causing an explosion
 - an unauthorized experiment that caused fires and explosions