

**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