

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 country is also known as the Hellenic Republic?
 - Greece
 - Italy
 - Turkey
 - Gibraltar is a colony of which country?
 - Spain
 - None, it's independent.
 - United Kingdom
 - Historians believe the first people reached America by
 - sailing across from Greenland.
 - walking across the Bering Strait from Asia.
 - sailing across from Norway.
 - Which country is completely surrounded by South Africa?
 - Lesotho
 - Swaziland
 - Namibia
 - Which explorer was the first to sail from Europe to India around the Cape of Good Hope?
 - Ferdinand Magellan
 - Francisco Pizarro
 - Vasco da Gama
- Whom did reporter Henry Stanley look for in Africa?
 - Cecil Rhodes
 - David Livingstone
 - James Cook
 - Who was the first vice president to become president after the president's death?
 - John Tyler
 - Harry Truman
 - John Adams
 - In 1215, Britain's King John signed which document limiting the monarch's power?
 - the Pickwick Papers
 - the Bill of Rights
 - Magna Carta
 - When did Martin Luther post his theses, starting the Protestant Reformation?
 - 1490
 - 1517
 - 1601

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which photographer is well-known for images of Yosemite National Park?
 - Dorothea Lange
 - Alfred Stieglitz
 - Ansel Adams
- Which sport is Picabo Street known for?
 - downhill skiing
 - golf
 - volleyball
- Which of these painters was an impressionist?
 - Salvador Dalí
 - Claude Monet
 - Pablo Picasso
- Which famous baseball player married Marilyn Monroe?
 - Babe Ruth
 - Joe DiMaggio
 - Mickey Mantle
- Which fictional detective did author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle create?
 - Inspector Clouseau
 - Miss Marple
 - Sherlock Holmes

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Who patented the steam engine in 1769?
 - James Watt
 - George Stephenson
 - Siegfried Marcus
- Which country first used paper?
 - China
 - England
 - Egypt
- Who developed the law of motion that states that every action causes an equal and opposite reaction?
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Sir Isaac Newton
 - Albert Einstein
- Marble is a metamorphic rock formed from
 - sandstone.
 - granite.
 - limestone.
- The official name for an Internet address is abbreviated *URL*. What do these letters stand for?
 - Unified Research Labels
 - Uniform Resource Locator
 - Universal Research Links

HISTORY

- Which U.S. president's "Great Society" program included a civil rights act, Medicare, and the Higher Education Act?
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Jimmy Carter
 - Lyndon B. Johnson