

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

- The world is divided into how many time zones?
 - 12
 - 24
 - 32
 - What is the saltiest body of water in the world?
 - the Mediterranean Sea
 - the Black Sea
 - the Dead Sea
 - What is the former name of Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City?
 - Laos
 - Saigon
 - Hanoi
 - Where is the city of Timbuktu?
 - Mali
 - Swaziland
 - Madagascar
 - What is Iceland's main industry?
 - shipping
 - fishing
 - logging
- Which U.S. President died of pneumonia after only 31 days in office?
 - William Henry Harrison
 - Herbert Hoover
 - William Howard Taft
 - What did the U.S. Constitution's 18th Amendment ban the sale of?
 - tobacco
 - firearms
 - alcoholic beverages
 - How many people were killed when the space shuttle *Challenger* exploded in 1986?
 - six
 - seven
 - eight

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- How old was Anne Frank when she started her famous diary?
 - 13
 - 11
 - 15
- The names of the streets in the game Monopoly come from which city?
 - Philadelphia
 - New York
 - Atlantic City, N.J.
- What is the name of Elvis Presley's home in Memphis, Tenn.?
 - Dollywood
 - Graceland
 - the Presley Mansion
- What was novelist Mark Twain's real name?
 - Samuel Clemens
 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
 - Harry Adams

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- What part of the brain controls thinking, speech, and vision?
 - the cerebrum
 - the cerebellum
 - the hypothalamus
- What is the world's most common mineral?
 - topaz
 - quartz
 - mica
- What is the name for the altitude above which trees will not grow?
 - the tree layer
 - the geolayer
 - the timberline
- Which planet is closest to Earth?
 - Venus
 - Mars
 - Mercury
- What is the event in which the moon moves between the sun and Earth, casting a shadow over Earth?
 - a lunar eclipse
 - a solar eclipse
 - a total eclipse

HISTORY

- Which country launched the *Sputnik* satellite in 1957?
 - the United States
 - Great Britain
 - the Soviet Union
- What was the first major highway to connect Chicago to Los Angeles?
 - U.S. Route 33
 - U.S. Route 66
 - U.S. Route 1