

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

1. What is the distance north or south of the equator called?
 - A. latitude
 - B. longitude
 - C. meridian
2. In which city would you find the Uffizi Gallery?
 - A. Paris
 - B. London
 - C. Florence, Italy
3. Which U.S. state is called the Magnolia State?
 - A. Georgia
 - B. Mississippi
 - C. Louisiana
4. Which is the capital of Egypt?
 - A.
 - B. Cairo
 - C.
5. In which sea is the island of Crete?
 - A. Caspian Sea
 - B. Red Sea
 - C. Mediterranean Sea

HISTORY

1. How many members are there in the U.S. House of Representatives?
 - A. 353
 - B. 435
 - C. 475
2. Which scandal shocked the U.S. government in the early 1870s?
 - A. Chinagate
 - B. Whitewater
 - C. Watergate

3. In which year was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Senate?
 - A. 1968
 - B. 1986
 - C. 1992
4. Which right does the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantee?
 - A. freedom of the press
 - B. the right to a speedy public trial by jury
 - C. the right to have firearms
5. Tatanka-lyotanka is also known as
 - A. Sitting Bull
 - B. Squanto
 - C. Geronimo

CULTURE AND SPORTS

1. Who wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*?
 - A. Frederick Douglass
 - B. Harriet Tubman
 - C. Harriet Beecher Stowe
2. Which horse won the Kentucky Derby in 2008?
 - A. Eight Belles
 - B. Big Brown
 - C. Mine That Bird
3. Which music group released an album called *Monkey Business* in 2005?
 - A. Black Eyed Peas
 - B. Coldplay
 - C. The White Stripes
4. Which of these is the title of a short story written by Ernest Hemingway?
 - A. "The Lottery"
 - B. "The Story of an Hour"
 - C. "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber"

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. In which year was the first transcontinental railroad completed in the United States?
 - A. 1865
 - B. 1869
 - C. 1896
2. NASA, the U.S. space agency, was created under which president?
 - A. Harry S. Truman
 - B. Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - C. John F. Kennedy
3. An insect in diapause is doing what?
 - A. mating
 - B. creating a cocoon
 - C. hibernating
4. What was Project Phoenix designed to search for?
 - A. extraterrestrial life
 - B. water on other planets
 - C. black holes
5. Which of the following body parts is most likely to be affected by carpal tunnel syndrome?
 - A. ear
 - B. wrist
 - C. knee