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**CURRENT  
EVENTS****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, or have students find the answers on their own. Score 5 points for each correct answer. Smart Stuff is a great activity for students to practice their Internet research skills.

**WORLD AND GEOGRAPHY**

- Which do the Ural and Caucasus mountains separate?
  - Asia and Europe
  - Canada and Alaska
  - North and South America
- At 36,198 feet below sea level, this is the deepest point in the Pacific Ocean.
  - Waimea Bay
  - Mariana Trench
  - Sigsbee Deep
- Which can be found at 23.5 degrees north latitude?
  - Tropic of Capricorn
  - Tropic of Cancer
  - Arctic Circle
- The lowest point in North America is 282 feet below sea level. Where is it?
  - Crater Lake, Ore.
  - Death Valley, Calif.
  - Waco, Texas
- Which chain of islands did the British once call the Sandwich Islands in honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Earl of Sandwich?
  - Florida Keys
  - Hawaiian Islands
  - Galapagos Islands

**HISTORY**

- The world's largest passenger-carrying zeppelin burst into flames as it landed in New Jersey in 1937. What was that airship's name?
  - Hindenburg*
  - Yankee Clipper*
  - Spruce Goose*

- Who was the only U.S. president to remain a bachelor, or unmarried?
  - James Buchanan
  - Ronald Reagan
  - Abraham Lincoln
- What chilly feat made Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen famous?
  - reaching the South Pole
  - climbing Mount Everest
  - swimming the Amazon
- Which country launched the first artificial satellite into space in 1957?
  - The United States
  - The Soviet Union
  - Great Britain
- What was the name of the first artificial satellite?
  - Rover
  - AI-0001
  - Sputnik

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- What do W.H. Auden, Sylvia Plath, and Langston Hughes have in common?
  - They were poets
  - They were governors
  - They were British
- Which Olympic sport uses a sand pit?
  - pole vault
  - fencing
  - long jump
- Which first daughter got married in May 2008?
  - Jenna Bush
  - Amy Carter
  - Chelsea Clinton

- Which baseball legend had nearly as many home runs as strikeouts in his career? (His nickname was "Joltin' Joe.")
  - Joe Jackson
  - Joe Torre
  - Joe DiMaggio
- Flamenco, gazpacho, and bullfighting are traditions of which European country?
  - Scotland
  - Spain
  - France

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Which is not one of the three basic types of rock?
  - igneous
  - sedimentary
  - gem stone
- A plane flying at the speed of sound is traveling at Mach 1. Which describes a plane flying at twice the speed of sound?
  - 1.2 Mach
  - Double Mach
  - Mach 2
- Who invented the mercury thermometer in 1714?
  - Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit
  - Anders Celsius
  - Isaac Newton
- Which describes a tsunami?
  - a subtropical storm
  - a giant wave
  - a hurricane
- What are Draco, Gemini, and Ursa Minor?
  - constellations
  - astrological signs
  - the Jonas Brothers' guitars