

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 U.S. state has the longest coastline?
 - California
 - Florida
 - Alaska
 - How are lines of longitude and latitude measured?
 - in degrees and minutes
 - in feet and inches
 - in meters and miles
 - Kosciusko is the highest mountain on which continent?
 - Asia
 - North America
 - Australia
 - The largest island in Canada is the fifth-largest island in the world. What is its name?
 - Baffin
 - Newfoundland
 - Victoria
 - Which U.S. ridge separates east-flowing rivers from west-flowing rivers?
 - Sierra Nevada
 - Blue Ridge
 - Continental Divide
- Machu Picchu was built high in the Andes mountains by which South American empire?
 - Incan
 - Amazon
 - Roman
 - Who was the first U.S. astronaut to travel in space?
 - Virgil "Gus" Grissom
 - Alan Shepard Jr.
 - John Glenn
 - What did the Mason-Dixon Line separate in 1820?
 - two British colonies
 - free states and slave states
 - Virginia and West Virginia

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which industry did Upton Sinclair expose in his stomach-turning, 1906 novel "The Jungle"?
 - zoos
 - meatpacking
 - coal mining
- Which symbol is recognized as the Red Cross relief organization's counterpart in much of the Middle East?
 - the Red Crescent
 - the Blue Cross
 - the Green Arrow
- Which athletes wear earguards and singlets?
 - wrestlers
 - swimmers
 - bullfighters
- Which novelist wrote "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and "The Old Man and the Sea"?
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - James Joyce
 - Ernest Hemingway
- Which sport has bowlers, batsmen, and fielders? (It also uses wickets!)
 - lacrosse
 - cricket
 - soccer

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Yellowstone National Park has more than 200 of these.
 - volcanoes
 - geysers
 - glaciers
- What did the Romans build to carry water to their cities?
 - aqueducts
 - baths
 - sewers
- How many bones are in an adult human body?
 - 103
 - 206
 - 412
- Which planet is the second largest in our solar system?
 - Jupiter
 - Saturn
 - Neptune
- Which government agency is responsible for keeping precise time in the United States?
 - The U.S. Naval Observatory
 - The CIA
 - NASA

HISTORY

- Who was the only U.S. citizen elected president four times?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - George W. Bush
- Which continent is Marco Polo famous for exploring?
 - Asia
 - Africa
 - North America