

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

- Who led the first exploration to circumnavigate, or sail all the way around, Earth?
 - Ferdinand Magellan
 - Marco Polo
 - Christopher Columbus
 - Which continent is home to all 10 of the worlds' highest mountain peaks?
 - South America
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - What covers about 3.5 million square miles of Africa?
 - Lake Victoria
 - Morocco
 - Sahara desert
 - Which famous line crosses Greenwich, England, at 0 degrees longitude?
 - international date line
 - prime meridian
 - equator
 - Which Stetson-wearing state does U.S. President George W. Bush call home?
 - California
 - New York
 - Texas
- Which space explorer became a U.S. senator?
 - John Glenn
 - Yuri Gagarin
 - Sally Ride
 - When was the U.S. Department of Homeland Security established?
 - 1803
 - 1903
 - 2003
 - Whose face first appeared on the penny in 1909?
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Which president said: "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country"?
 - George Washington
 - John F. Kennedy
 - Ronald Reagan

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Where is Yale University?
 - Boston
 - New York City
 - New Haven, Conn.
- Which sport was dubbed "sidewalk surfing"?
 - skateboarding
 - windsurfing
 - in-line skating
- A 13-year-old designed this state's flag, which features the Big Dipper and the North Star.
 - Texas
 - Alaska
 - Wyoming

HISTORY

- What happened on Dec. 7, 1941? U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called it "a date which will live in infamy."
 - Roosevelt was re-elected.
 - Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
 - The Great Depression began.

- Which stuffed-with-fluff character and his friends were inspired by the toys of author A. A. Milne's son, Christopher?
 - Winnie the Pooh
 - Mickey Mouse
 - Snoopy
- What are plié, jeté, rond de jambe, and pirouette?
 - construction tools
 - French cheeses
 - ballet moves

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which is the term for a huge wave generated by an undersea earthquake?
 - tsunami
 - typhoon
 - hurricane
- Which is not an element?
 - bronze
 - oxygen
 - gold
- How many sides does a cube have?
 - four
 - six
 - eight
- What is the largest mammal that lives on land?
 - blue whale
 - African elephant
 - polar bear
- What force is demonstrated when an apple falls from a tree?
 - levity
 - magnetism
 - gravity