

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 is the prime minister of the United Kingdom?
 - Gordon Brown
 - Tony Blair
 - Margaret Thatcher
- Which place is considered a holy city by Christians, Muslims, and Jews?
 - Bethlehem, in the West Bank
 - Rome
 - Jerusalem
- What is the official language of Kuwait?
 - Arabic
 - English
 - Hebrew
- Which country gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?
 - France
 - Great Britain
 - Spain
- Which 15th- and 16th-century empire was based in what is now Mexico City?
 - the Incan empire
 - the Mayan empire
 - the Aztec empire

HISTORY

- Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Alexander Hamilton
 - George Washington
- In what year did humans last visit the moon?

- 1952
- 1972
- 1992

- The World War II suicide pilots of Japan's Imperial Navy were called
 - samurai.
 - kamikazes.
 - ninja.
- Which two U.S. presidents were grandfather and grandson?
 - William Henry Harrison and Benjamin Harrison
 - John Adams and John Quincy Adams
 - George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush
- In what year did the *Titanic* sink?
 - 1910
 - 1912
 - 1916

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Which instrument is not a woodwind instrument?
 - flute
 - piano
 - oboe
- Who or what is Nike?
 - the Greek goddess of victory
 - the Norse god of wind
 - the site of the first Olympics
- What was the first full-length animated movie?
 - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

- Cinderella
- The Three Musketeers

- Who was the Impressionist artist who painted *Water Lilies*?
 - Mark Rothko
 - Jackson Pollock
 - Claude Monet
- What is the jitterbug?
 - a dance popular in the 1940s
 - an extinct insect species
 - a type of computer virus

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which device was used to prove that Earth rotates?
 - spiroygra
 - Foucault pendulum
 - gyroscope
- In which organ would you find the retina?
 - heart
 - lungs
 - eye
- What substance keeps plants standing upright?
 - cellulose
 - glucose
 - chlorophyll
- What is the largest shark?
 - bull shark
 - whale shark
 - great white shark
- Hematology is the study of what?
 - brain activity
 - the eye
 - blood