

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 state's motto is "North to the Future"?
 - New York
 - Alaska
 - Washington
- Which Central American country was formerly known as British Honduras?
 - Belize
 - Costa Rica
 - El Salvador
- Which state is known as the Beehive State?
 - Utah
 - Iowa
 - Florida
- In which city is the tallest U.S. building located?
 - New York
 - Chicago
 - Nashville, Tenn.
- Which former British colony was returned to China in 1997?
 - Hong Kong
 - India
 - Prince Edward Island

HISTORY

- What was the name of the airship that exploded in over New Jersey in 1937?
 - Hindenburg*
 - Graf Zeppelin*
 - Shenandoah*
- Which city was the U.S. capital before Washington, D.C.?
 - San Francisco
 - Boston
 - Philadelphia

- Who wrote the book *Little House on the Prairie*?
 - Louisa May Alcott
 - Laura Ingalls Wilder
 - Judy Blume
- What was the name of South Africa's official policy of racial separation?
 - segregation
 - apartheid
 - prohibition
- Which American patriot led the Boston Tea Party in 1773?
 - Samuel Adams
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Paul Revere

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- What are the words of an opera called?
 - symphony
 - libretto
 - aria
- Who was the voice of Mufasa in the animated film *The Lion King*?
 - James Earl Jones
 - Matthew Broderick
 - Nathan Lane
- Which city hosted the 2006 Winter Olympic Games?
 - Athens, Greece
 - Turin, Italy
 - Beijing
- What are Australians referring to when they talk about their sunnies?
 - sunflowers
 - sunglasses
 - ice-cream sundaes

- Which football team won two Super Bowls under coach Vince Lombardi?
 - Pittsburgh Steelers
 - Green Bay Packers
 - Chicago Bears

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- What is Napster?
 - a company that distributes music for the band Metallica
 - a brand of MP3 player
 - a controversial Web site that allows users to swap digital music files
- Which planet is farthest from Earth?
 - Neptune
 - Saturn
 - Venus
- What does a hydroelectric plant use to produce electricity?
 - burning corn
 - running water
 - burning coal
- Where is the smallest bone in the human body located?
 - in the ear
 - in the nose
 - in the foot
- How many zeros are in a googol?
 - none
 - 100
 - 100,000