

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 city was once called Constantinople?
 - Ankara
 - Istanbul
 - Damascus
 - The Hindu Kush mountain range runs between which two countries?
 - India and Bangladesh
 - Nepal and Bhutan
 - Afghanistan and Pakistan
 - The United States bought what is now the U.S. Virgin Islands from which country?
 - the United Kingdom
 - Denmark
 - the Netherlands
 - Which country's society was organized according to a caste system, with Brahmans at the top and untouchables at the bottom?
 - India
 - Saudi Arabia
 - South Africa
 - Which of these countries became independent most recently?
 - East Timor
 - Brunei
 - Sri Lanka
- Who was the first Roman emperor?
 - Augustus
 - Caligula
 - Nero
 - In which document does the following statement appear: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal"?
 - U.S. Constitution
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Emancipation Proclamation
 - Who killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Aaron Burr
 - John Wilkes Booth
 - Which empire controlled much of the Middle East from the 1300s to the 1900s?
 - Ottoman
 - Roman
 - British

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Who is often called "the King of Rock and Roll"?
 - Bruce Springsteen
 - Elvis Presley
 - Bono
- Who wrote the book *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*?
 - Judi Barrett
 - Judy Blume
 - Judy Garland
- In which city were the 2008 Olympics held?
 - Tokyo
 - London
 - Beijing

- Who wrote the *Iliad*, an epic poem about the Trojan War?
 - Virgil
 - Homer
 - Lord Byron
- Who was the first winner of *American Idol*?
 - Clay Aiken
 - Kelly Clarkson
 - Ruben Studdard

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which phrase does the word *radar* come from?
 - radio detecting and ranging
 - remote area detection ray
 - range and direction relay
- Which of these is measured in fathoms?
 - wavelength
 - depth of water
 - height of mountains
- Of these devices, which was the first people used to make mathematical calculations?
 - UNIVAC I computer
 - abacus
 - slide rule
- On what do monarch butterfly larvae feed?
 - eucalyptus
 - caterpillars
 - milkweed
- What is Jane Goodall known for studying?
 - dinosaurs
 - Jupiter
 - chimpanzees

HISTORY

- Who was the most recent president to die of natural causes while in office?
 - Warren G. Harding
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - John F. Kennedy