

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

- What is the highest mountain in the world?
 - Mount Everest
 - Mont Blanc
 - Kanchenjunga
- What is the world's smallest independent country?
 - Nauru
 - Monaco
 - Vatican City
- What is the largest plain on Earth?
 - West Siberian Plain of Eurasia
 - Great Plains of North America
 - Nullabor Plain of Australia
- Which country has the longest coastline?
 - Peru
 - Chile
 - Argentina
- Approximately when did the Sahara region start to become a desert?
 - 10,000 B.C.
 - 4,000 B.C.
 - 1,000 B.C.

HISTORY

- What economic system spread through Europe following the collapse of the Roman Empire in the late 400s?
 - feudalism
 - manorialism
 - mercantilism
- Which of the following was *not* one of the main classes

in the Aztec society?

- slaves
 - serfs
 - indentured servants
- During the Salem witchcraft trials in 1692, how many people were convicted and hanged for witchcraft?
 - 6
 - 19
 - 38
 - Julius Caesar, a leader of ancient Rome, was assassinated on the Ides of March. When is that?
 - March 1
 - March 15
 - March 30
 - During which war did the London Blitz take place?
 - Hundred Years' War
 - World War I
 - World War II

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- In which country did the sport of tennis originate?
 - United Kingdom
 - Italy
 - France
- Which golf term means a score of one under par?
 - hole in one
 - birdie
 - bogey
- How many playing cards does each player get in the game of bridge?
 - 3
 - 7
 - 13
- At what museum is Leonardo da Vinci's painting *Mona Lisa* kept?
 - the Metropolitan

Museum of Art

- the Louvre
- the Smithsonian Institution

- Mudbugs are a Cajun cooking favorite. What are they?
 - crabs
 - crawfishes
 - shrimp

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- What does a waxing moon appear to be doing?
 - growing larger
 - becoming smaller
 - disappearing in an eclipse
- Which radioactive element was discovered by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley in 1950?
 - californium
 - polonium
 - uranium
- Which is the name for a male hawk?
 - eyas
 - hen
 - tiercel
- Who invented the first automatic calculator, or calculating machine, in the 1640s??
 - Sir Isaac Newton
 - Blaise Pascal
 - Charles Babbage
- When was the internet, then known as ARPANET, invented?
 - late 1960s
 - mid 1980s
 - early 1990s