

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

- Before the euro, which type of coin did people throw into Rome's Trevi Fountain?
 - pesetas
 - liras
 - gulden
 - Where is Dome of the Rock?
 - Salt Lake City
 - Jerusalem
 - Rome
 - The Yukon is a region of which country?
 - Canada
 - Russia
 - United States
 - Which city is the capital of Wisconsin?
 - Green Bay
 - Madison
 - Omaha
 - Which two countries share Mount Everest?
 - India and Pakistan
 - Russia and Ukraine
 - China and Nepal
- Which U.S. leader did not sign the Declaration of Independence?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - John Adams
 - George Washington
 - Who tutored Alexander the Great?
 - Plato
 - Aristotle
 - Sophocles
 - Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth I?
 - Anne Boleyn
 - Jane Seymour
 - Catherine of Aragon

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- For which team does LeBron James play?
 - Los Angeles Lakers
 - Utah Jazz
 - Cleveland Cavaliers
- Who was not a star of silent movies?
 - Buster Keaton
 - Charlton Heston
 - Charlie Chaplin
- In art, the point on the horizon at which parallel lines appear to meet is called what?
 - point of no return
 - vanishing point
 - horizon line
- What was Samuel Clemens's pen name?
 - Mark Twain
 - Charles Dickens
 - Harriet Beecher Stowe

- Which book by Franz Kafka tells the story of a man who turns into a cockroach?
 - The Trial*
 - The Metamorphosis*
 - How to Eat Fried Worms*

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- What does the olfactory nerve detect?
 - smells
 - colors
 - sounds
- Who oversaw the development of the first atomic bomb?
 - Albert Einstein
 - J. Robert Oppenheimer
 - Georg Simon Ohm
- What is released when a nuclear reactor experiences a meltdown?
 - radiation
 - radon
 - xenon
- What did Guglielmo Marconi use to send transatlantic messages in Morse code?
 - light waves
 - homing pigeons
 - radio waves
- What does the abbreviation MRI stand for?
 - magnetic resonance imaging
 - medical radiation inspection
 - magnifying radioactive isotopes

HISTORY

- Which of the following rulers of Egypt was not Egyptian?
 - Cleopatra
 - Tutankhamen
 - Seti I
- Who said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"?
 - Nathan Hale
 - Benedict Arnold
 - Horatio Nelson