

**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 country claims the world's highest waterfall?
  - Venezuela
  - Nepal
  - Switzerland
- What is the most southerly point in the United States?
  - Brownsville, Texas
  - Ka Lae, Hawaii
  - San Diego, Calif.
- Which country is a 9-mile ferry ride away from Spain?
  - England
  - Italy
  - Morocco
- What is the world's second-most populous country?
  - China
  - India
  - the United States
- What is the capital of the tiny island nation Tuvalu?
  - Funafuti
  - Dili
  - Harare

**HISTORY**

- What was John T. Scopes found guilty of doing in Tennessee in 1925?
  - robbing a train
  - teaching evolution
  - bribing a U.S. president
- Which extreme point did Tenzing Norgay become famous for reaching in 1953?
  - the North Pole
  - the top of Mount Everest
  - the Mariana Trench

- Which state was the 13th British colony?
  - Georgia
  - Delaware
  - South Carolina
- In which year was the Berlin wall torn down?
  - 1919
  - 1945
  - 1989
- What bears the inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof"?
  - the Liberty Bell
  - the Lincoln Memorial
  - the Golden Gate Bridge

**CULTURE AND SPORTS**

- Which language can often be heard in South Africa?
  - Catalan
  - Afrikaans
  - Tamil
- Which country has the oldest parliament? (Hint: Its parliament is called the Althingi. Really!)
  - Italy
  - Pakistan
  - Iceland
- Which brothers won back-to-back Super Bowls?
  - Peyton and Eli Manning
  - Tiki and Ronde Barber
  - Merlin and Phil Olsen
- Which musical instrument is called a sweet potato?
  - ocarina
  - French horn
  - accordion

- Which building served as a fortress and a palace before it was a museum?
  - the Smithsonian
  - Tinguely Museum
  - Musée du Louvre

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

- Which term describes a region in space where gravity is so strong nothing can escape, not even light?
  - solar flare
  - super nova
  - black hole
- Viewed together, what do Alnitak, Alnilam, and Mintaka create?
  - Lake Minnetonka
  - Orion's belt
  - silicon
- Four elements make up almost 90 percent of Earth. They are iron, silicon, magnesium and what?
  - oxygen
  - tungsten
  - aluminum
- What is the geometry term for pairs of lines, angles, circles, polygons, or other objects that are identical in shape and dimensions?
  - concave
  - parallel
  - congruent
- Which scientist famously said: "Imagination is more important than knowledge"?
  - Albert Einstein
  - Granville Woods
  - Robert J. Oppenheimer