

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 covers most of the Horn of Africa?
 - Morocco
 - Egypt
 - Somalia
- The Ross Ice Shelf is the largest ice shelf on what continent?
 - North America
 - Antarctica
 - Asia
- How many time zones cross at least one of the 50 states?
 - four
 - five
 - six
- Which of the following is not one of the U.S. Great Lakes?
 - Lake Huron
 - Lake Ontario
 - Great Salt Lake
- The island Kalaallit Nunaat is better known as _____.
 - Greenland.
 - Alaska.
 - Prince Edward Island.

HISTORY

- The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1971. What did it do?
 - set the voting age at 18
 - gave women voting rights
 - abolished alcohol
- Whom among the following was a U.S. president?
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - James Monroe
 - Thomas Paine

- India and Pakistan have been fighting for years over which border region?
 - Kashmir
 - Darfur
 - Kosovo
- In 1800, when most U.S. citizens lived on the East Coast, the center of population was in Maryland. Where was it in 2000?
 - Pennsylvania
 - Missouri
 - California
- In which year did Christopher Columbus "sail the ocean blue"?
 - 1492
 - 1550
 - 1646

CULTURE AND SPORTS

- Who told the tale of Verona's star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet?
 - Mark Twain
 - William Shakespeare
 - Edgar Allan Poe
- Legendary football coach Vince Lombardi told his players, "Winners never quit, and _____"
 - quitters never win.
 - baseball is for wimps.
 - losers hang up their cleats and go home.
- What are NYSE, NASDAQ, and AMEX?
 - stock exchanges
 - credit cards
 - text-message shortcuts

- Which state's official beverage is Kool-Aid?
 - Nebraska
 - Florida
 - Massachusetts
- How many justices sit on the U.S. Supreme Court?
 - six
 - nine
 - 12

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Which of the following is not an absolute value?
 - 120
 - 2
 - 18
- What do Salmonella and E. coli have in common?
 - They are bacteria.
 - They are fish.
 - They are fabrics.
- Why did a court order the Navy to stop using sonar off the coast of Southern California?
 - Sonar could harm whales.
 - Sonar is noisy.
 - Sonar is expensive.
- Which metaphor did Charles Darwin use to describe his theory of natural selection?
 - "the low-hanging fruit"
 - "survival of the fittest"
 - "rush to judgment"
- What are Ceres, Eris, and Pluto?
 - dwarf planets
 - constellations
 - computer languages