

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

1. What is the capital of Poland?
 - A. Warsaw
 - B. Krakow
 - C. Lublin
2. Which island country is home to both glaciers and hot springs?
 - A. Greenland
 - B. Iceland
 - C. Philippines
3. Which country do the Ural Mountains run through?
 - A. Turkey
 - B. Mongolia
 - C. Russia
4. On which of the Hawaiian islands do about 75 percent of the state's residents live?
 - A. Maui
 - B. Oahu
 - C. Hawaii
5. Which body of water separates the United Kingdom and France?
 - A. English Channel
 - B. North Sea
 - C. Thames River

HISTORY

1. Where do many scientists believe pineapples originally came from?
 - A. Brazil
 - B. Hawaii
 - C. Peru
2. Which North American colony did the Pilgrims who sailed on the *Mayflower* form?
 - A. Plymouth
 - B. Jamestown
 - C. Massachusetts Bay Colony

3. What did the Homestead Act of 1862 do?
 - A. provided the funding to build a U.S. railroad
 - B. chartered new colleges
 - C. offered land in the undeveloped West of the United States for a low cost or free
4. What is former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr most famous for?
 - A. killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel
 - B. his role in the Revolutionary War
 - C. being tried and acquitted of treason
5. Who discovered King Tutankhamen's tomb?
 - A. Sir Leonard Woolley
 - B. Howard Carter
 - C. Maria Reiche

CULTURE AND SPORTS

1. Where does the word *alphabet* come from?
 - A. Latin for "letters"
 - B. the first two letters of the Greek alphabet, alpha and beta
 - C. Gaelic for "tools"
2. Which composer wrote the Brandenburg concertos?
 - A. Johann Sebastian Bach
 - B. Ludwig van Beethoven
 - C. Arvo Part
3. What were the New York Yankees called in 1901?
 - A. Brooklyn Dodgers
 - B. Baltimore Orioles
 - C. Boston Braves

4. Which sport was invented by William G. Morgan in 1895?
 - A. badminton
 - B. field hockey
 - C. volleyball
5. Which member of the Beatles was the drummer?
 - A. George Harrison
 - B. Paul McCartney
 - C. Ringo Starr

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. Which element has an atomic number of 79?
 - A. gold
 - B. nickel
 - C. arsenic
2. About how many muscles does an elephant's trunk have?
 - A. 1,000
 - B. 25,000
 - C. 40,000
3. Which is not an accurate statement about pure gold?
 - A. It has an atomic number of 79.
 - B. Its melting point is 1064 degrees Celsius.
 - C. It has a relative atomic mass of 182.9663.
4. Which of the following is the scientific study of past human life and activities?
 - A. paleontology
 - B. archaeology
 - C. geology
5. Who invented the cotton gin?
 - A. Eli Whitney
 - B. Phineas Miller
 - C. Edmund Cartwright