

SMART STUFF

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. This week, we're kicking off the 2008 presidential election season, so think presidents and politics!

U.S. GEOGRAPHY

- What is the highest point in the United States? (Hint: It's named for a president.)
 - Mount Everest
 - Mount McKinley
 - Mount Washington
 - If the president gives a speech at the geographic center of the continental U.S., which city is he near?
 - Ames, Iowa
 - Lebanon, Kansas
 - Centerville, Ohio
 - If the president stands at the geographic center of the entire U.S., where is he?
 - South Dakota
 - Colorado
 - Arkansas
 - How many miles does the president have to travel to get from the White House to the Golden Gate Bridge?
 - about 2,800
 - about 28,000
 - about 280,000
 - Which is not a U.S. territory?
 - Guam
 - Puerto Rico
 - Bahamas
- Which state was named for an English king?
 - Washington
 - North Carolina
 - Rhode Island
 - Sam Houston was the president of this republic before it became a state. Which state is it now?
 - New Mexico
 - Texas
 - Virginia
 - Which happened first?
 - Battle of Bull Run
 - Battle of the Alamo
 - Battle of Bunker Hill
 - In which year did Hawaii become the 50th state?
 - 1859
 - 1909
 - 1959

U.S. ELECTIONS

- How many people were registered to vote in the last presidential election?
 - 142 million
 - 14.2 million
 - 1.42 million
- Which amendment gave women the right to vote?
 - 10th
 - 19th
 - 23rd
- Which was not a presidential campaign slogan?
 - A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage
 - Keep cool with Coolidge
 - Better than nothin'

U.S. HISTORY

- George Washington took the presidential oath of office at Federal Hall in which city? It was also the first U.S. capital.
 - Philadelphia
 - Washington, D.C.
 - New York City

- Which group can't vote?
 - Soldiers overseas
 - Native Hawaiians
 - Florida felons in prison
- Who ultimately elects the U.S. president?
 - U.S. voters
 - Electoral College
 - Congress

U.S. PRESIDENTS

- Who was the only U.S. president born west of the Rocky Mountains?
 - Ronald Reagan
 - Richard Nixon
 - Dwight Eisenhower
- Who was the only president never elected to that office or to the office of vice president?
 - Gerald Ford
 - George Washington
 - Chester Arthur
- Only one president was elected, defeated, and then reelected. Who was it?
 - Grover Cleveland
 - John Quincy Adams
 - Theodore Roosevelt
- Which president's face is not on Mount Rushmore?
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Franklin Roosevelt
 - Abraham Lincoln
- Harry Truman was the 33rd president. Which number will the next president be?
 - 44th
 - 55th
 - 66th