

GRADE FIVE KNOWLEDGE-A-THON

1. Our nation's capital is located on the banks of this river.
POTOMAC RIVER
2. Whose picture is on the ten dollar bill? ALEXANDER HAMILTON
3. Name the original thirteen colonies? MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND,
NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, MARYLAND,
VIRGINIA, GEORGIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND SOUTH CAROLINA
4. "To be or not to be, that is the question?" is from what play?
HAMLET BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE
5. Who was the only United States president from Pennsylvania?
JAMES BUCHANAN
6. What is the name of cross that hangs above the altar in St. Joseph
Church? SAN DAMIANO CROSS
7. Name the three branches of the Unites States government.
EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL
8. Name the Great Lakes. ERIE, ONTARIO, SUPERIOR, MICHIGAN, AND HURON
9. Which professional baseball player hit the most homeruns?
HANK AARON
10. Who invented the telephone? ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

11. Who was the first person to walk on the moon? NEIL ARMSTRONG
12. Name the four Gospels? MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, AND JOHN
13. Besides the Appalachian Mountains, what is the other major mountain range in the United States? ROCKY MOUNTAINS
14. What American born saint is credited with founding the parochial school system in the United States? ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
15. Which country's flag is known as the Union Jack? ENGLAND
16. What is the name of the Angel through whom God asked Mary to be the Mother of God? GABRIEL
17. Who was the first American saint to be born in the United States?
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
18. In which two hemispheres are the United States located?
NORTHERN AND WESTERN
19. What is the longest river in the world? NILE RIVER
20. Who headed the research team for creating the atomic bomb?
J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER
21. What is the oldest living thing in the world?
BRISTLECONE PINE (4600 YEARS OLD)

22. Name the only two fathers and sons who both served as President of the United States. JOHN ADAMS & JOHN QUINCY ADAMS – GEORGE BUSH & GEORGE W. BUSH
23. Name the two United States Senators from Pennsylvania.
ARLEN SPECTER AND ROBERT P. CASEY JR (SENATOR-ELECT)
24. How many justices are on the Supreme Court? NINE (9)
25. Who was the only United States President to resign from office?
RICHARD NIXON
26. Who invented the SCUBA tank? JACQUES COUSTEAU
27. Name the process by which green plants produce their own food.
PHOTOSYNTHESIS
28. What is the population of the United States? 300 MILLION
29. What is the name of the saint who is connected with the origin of saying the Holy Rosary? ST. DOMINIC
30. Who painted the Mona Lisa? LEONARDO daVINCI
31. Name the two major League Baseball teams from Pennsylvania.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES AND THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES
32. What three rivers meet in Pittsburgh? ALLEGHENY, MONOGAHELA,
AND OHIO

33. What is the state motto of Pennsylvania?
VIRTUE, LIBERTY, AND INDEPENDENCE
34. Sixty percent of the Civil War battles were fought in which state?
VIRGINIA
35. Why is Memorial Day celebrated in the United States?
TO HONOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO DIED IN SERVICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY
36. What happened on July 4, 1776? THE UNITED STATES DECLARED ITS
INDEPENDENCE FROM ENGLAND
37. Who discovered the polio vaccine? JONAS SALK
38. How many permanent teeth does the average adult have?
THIRTY-TWO (32)
39. How many bones are in the human body? 206
40. If the first place winner in the Olympics receives a gold medal,
what do the second and third place winners receive?
SECOND PLACE - SILVER MEDAL, THIRD PLACE - BRONZE MEDAL
41. Where was the first shot of the Civil War fired?
FORT SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA
42. Who is the patron saint of teachers? ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA,
(ALSO ST. GREGORY THE GREAT AND ST. JOHN BAPTISTE LA SALLE)

43. Which amendment gave women the right to vote? THE 19TH AMENDMENT

44. What is the chemical formula for rust? FeO

45. Where did the worst nuclear accident in the world take place?
CHERNOBYL, UKRAINE IN THE SOVIET UNION

46. Recite the poem "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer.

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast:
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair:
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

47. State the number of stars and the number of stripes on the United
States flag? 50 STARS AND 13 STRIPES

48. Name the tallest mountain in the world? MT. EVEREST

49. Which saint did Mary appear to and request a medal be made with a
picture of the Immaculate Conception on it?

ST. CATHERINE LABOURE

What is the name of this medal?

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

50. Who wrote "Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn?" MARK TWAIN OR SAMUEL CLEMENS

51. Name the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR

52. Who was Clara Barton? FOUNDER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

53. Name the scandal in the United States Government that was caused by President Nixon knowing about the improper and illegal activities of people working for him? WATERGATE

54. Name a traditional musical instrument that is associated with Scotland? THE BAGPIPES

55. Which country attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor? JAPAN

56. Give another name for our flag. OLD GLORY

57. Who invented the first airplane? THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

58. What do we call the official count of the population of the United States? CENSUS

59. What is the Newbery Award? AN AWARD GIVEN TO THE AUTHOR WHO CONTRIBUTED THE MOST TO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR
60. What is the Caldecott Award? AN AWARD GIVEN TO THE ILLUSTRATOR OF A CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK
61. Who was the first person(s) to sail around the world?
THE CREW OF FERDINAND MAGELLAN
62. How many ounces are in a cup? EIGHT (8) OUNCES
63. What mythological monster has one eye in the middle of his forehead? CYCLOPS
64. Upon entering a Catholic Church, why do people bless themselves with Holy water? TO REMIND THEM OF THEIR BAPTISMS
65. What is the zip code for your mailing address?
MECHANICSBURG 17055 & 17050 CARLISLE 17013
DILLSBURG 17019 BOILING SPRINGS 17007
CAMP HILL 17011 SHIREMANSTOWN 17011
66. Where and when is the Indianapolis 500 run each year?
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IN MAY
67. How many counties are there in Pennsylvania? SIXTY-SEVEN (67)

68. How many games are played in the World Series? BEST OUT OF SEVEN GAMES
69. How many consecutive terms can a President of the United States serve? TWO (2)
70. Who was known as "Moses" on the Freedom Train? HARRIET TUBMAN
71. What was the Freedom Train? A NETWORK OF SAFE HOUSES FOR RUNAWAY SLAVES AS THEY MADE THEIR WAY NORTH TO FREEDOM
72. Name three of Irving Berlin's most famous songs?
"EASTER PARADE", "WHITE CHRISTMAS", "GOD BLESS AMERICA"
73. How many teaspoons are in a tablespoon? THREE (3)
74. How many pints are in a quart? TWO (2)
75. If the President and the Vice President would both die, who would become the President? THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
76. Follow the flow of water from the Yellow Breeches to the ocean.
YELLOW BREECHES TO THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER TO THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
77. How many voyages did Christopher Columbus make to the New World? FOUR (4)
78. Pink is a tint of what color? RED

79. The kind of art that uses dots and small strokes on the canvas
is called what? IMPRESSIONISM
80. Name an abstract artist? PICASSO
81. What is the mythological winged horse called? PEGASUS
82. Name the third dimension: height, width, and? DEPTH
83. Which famous march composer invented a musical instrument that
bears his name? JOHN PHILIP SOUSA (SOUSAPHONE)
84. Where is the Little League World Series played?
WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA
85. Ringo Starr was the drummer for what famous rock group?
THE BEATLES
86. What does the Richter scale measure? SIZE OF EARTHQUAKES
87. What do you have if you have a soprano, an alto, a tenor, and
a bass? A QUARTET
88. Name the seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church.
BAPTISM, HOLY EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE, HOLY ORDERS,
RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING OF THE SICK
89. What is the main difference between a band and an orchestra?
A BAND HAS NO STRING INSTRUMENTS

90. What is the name of the huge clock in London? BIG BEN
91. What city is holy to Jews, Muslims, and Christians? JERUSALEM
92. What year did Christopher Columbus discover America? 1492
93. What is the world's tallest building and where is it located?
TAIPEI 101, TAIPEI TAIWAN
94. What is the Pennsylvania state bird? RUFFED GROUSE
What is the Pennsylvania state animal? WHITE-TAILED DEER
What is the Pennsylvania state tree? HEMLOCK
What is the Pennsylvania state insect? FIRE FLY
95. How many sides does a nonagon have? NINE (9)
96. Which United States President said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country?"
JOHN F. KENNEDY
97. What do you call an animal that eats nothing but meat? CARNIVORE
98. When wood turns to stone what is it called? PETRIFIED WOOD
99. What is the green, slimy substances that grows in ponds and rivers during the summer? ALGAE
100. Recite the Gettysburg Address (attached).

“GETTYSBURG ADDRESS’

“FOURSCORE AND SEVEN YEARS AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON

THIS CONTINENT, A NEW NATION, CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY, AND DEDICATED TO

THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.

NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT CIVIL WAR, TESTING WHETHER THAT

NATION OR ANY NATION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED, CAN LONG

ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A GREAT BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR. WE HAVE

COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING PLACE

FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE THEIR LIVES THAT THIS NATION MIGHT LIVE. IT

IS ALTOGETHER FITTING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD DO THIS.

BUT, IN A LARGER SENSE, WE CANNOT DEDICATE, WE CANNOT CONSECRATE,

WE CANNOT HALLOW THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN, LIVING AND DEAD,

WHO STRUGGLED HERE, HAVE CONSECRATED IT, FAR ABOVE OUR POOR

POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT. THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE, NOR LONG

REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY, BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID HERE.

IT IS FOR US THE LIVING, RATHER, TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO THE
UNFINISHED WORK THEY WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR SO NOBLY
ADVANCED. IT IS RATHER FOR US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE GREAT
TASK REMAINING BEFORE US, THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD WE TAKE
INCREASED DEVOTION TO THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE LAST
FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION-THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT THESE
DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN-THAT THIS NATION, UNDER GOD, SHALL
HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM-AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE,
BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

