

It's Here!!!!

Eighth Annual 5th/6th Thinking Cap America Answers Challenge

April 23 – May 4, 2012

Seven years ago we added our nationwide Internet contest to the 5th/6th grade lineup. Last year 273 teams from 38 states took the 5/6 America Answers Challenge! Numerous 5th and 6th teachers had through the years wanted another contest or spring academic activity and a nationwide comparison.

National comparisons had not been possible with the state contests due to slightly different tests and the very wide range of testing dates for the various states. But with the same exact test and identical test date window, national comparisons are valid. The integrity of the contest is even higher with the Internet version since it can only be taken once and the score is automatically recorded so you do not even need to phone in your results. You must be able to take the contest online. This Internet version works on both WIN and MAC formats. After the contest, a software copy of the contest will be sent to takers so they have it available for use as a practice disk next year. Therefore, you will need to indicate which version you want.

To try to accommodate as many schedules as possible, we are offering the contest with a two-week window of opportunity. **Take the contest any time between April 23 and May 4.** It's still 100 great questions in the same Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl multiple choice format, only you access it through the Internet. Results will be posted on our website May 7th. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the top teams in both 5th grade and 6th grade pools.

Please Note: One major difference between this Internet contest and your state contest is that for each team you want to participate, you need to purchase an entry. Unlike your state contest, you cannot do it with numerous teams for one fee. Your state contest could be your elimination round to get a championship team. You must decide before ordering what grade level your team(s) is and order accordingly. Both grade levels take the same test, so a student may not be on more than one team. Teams will be entered in the division based on the highest grade level of team members but can be of mixed grade levels. You do not need to take our regular contest to enter. You can enter either your state contest or the nationwide Internet contest or both. Practice disks from previous contests are available and may be ordered on either entry form. Practice disks may be copied.

So decide if you'd like to join our exciting contest and mail in your entry. We still feel computer quiz bowls offer one of the best inexpensive activities for kids where learning is fun. After April 9th you will be sent: **a website, a team name, a password, and complete directions.**

Congratulations 2011 America Answers Winners!!!

5th Grade Winners

Champion – Blue Hills Elem. Sch., Saratoga CA
Second – Taylor Elem. School, Arlington VA
Third – Pleasant Hill Intermediate, Pleasant Hill MO
Fourth – Hoover Elem. School, West Branch IA
Fifth – Woodside School, River Vale NJ
Sixth – Creek View Elem. School, Alpharetta GA
Seventh – Elm Lawn Elem. Sch., Middleton WI

6th Grade Winners

Champion – Boulan Park Middle Sch., Troy MI
Second – California Trail MS, Olathe KS
Third – Baker Middle School, Troy MI
Fourth – Trinity Middle School, Washington PA
Fifth – Gretna Middle School, Gretna NE
Sixth – Westminster Schools, Atlanta GA
Seventh – Central Intermediate, Wadsworth OH

On Contest Day...

It couldn't be easier! On the day you choose to do the quiz, log onto the website, enter your team name and password. Team members have two chances to correctly answer each question. If the correct answer is given the first time, 10 points are awarded and up to five bonus points can be earned, depending on how quickly the question was answered. Only 5 points are given for correct answers on the second try.

Remember there is to be no adult help and no outside resources such as calculators or charts. If you quit or lose web access during the contest you will begin where you stopped so it can be done in two days or finished after a fire drill. When the team has completed the contest, the computer displays the total number of points earned and the results are automatically recorded on the website. Teams with exceedingly high scores may be contacted. The final results will be listed on the Internet May 7th. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the top finishers in each division (the number will depend on the number of entries in each division).

**To enter, simply complete and mail the entry form by April 13th.
The entry fee is \$35.00 per team.**

- - - - - Please mail this completed entry form- - - - -

Teacher/Advisor: _____ School Phone: (____) _____

(REQUIRED) E-Mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please indicate the format software you need.
(A copy of the contest is sent after the Internet competition.)

or
MAC WIN

Quantity		Description	Unit Price	Total Price
		5th Grade America Answers Team(s)	\$ 35.00	\$
		6th Grade America Answers Team(s)	\$ 35.00	\$
MAC CD	WIN CD	Practice Disks		
		NEW US States & Capitals Practice Disk (2011)	\$ 17.00	\$
		NEW America Answers Practice Disk #7 (2011)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #6 (2010)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #5 (2009)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #4 (2008)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #3 (2007)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #2 (2006)	\$ 17.00	\$
		America Answers Practice Disk #1 (2005)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"Best of the 2nd 5 Years" Practice Disk ('03-'04)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"Best of the 1st 5 Years" Practice Disk ('01-'02)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"Student Authored" Practice Disk ('02-'03)	\$ 17.00	\$
		Practice Disk ('08-'09 Contest Disk)	\$ 17.00	\$
		Practice Disk ('09-'10 Contest Disk)	\$ 17.00	\$
Purchase Order/Voucher Processing Fee**				
** If payment is enclosed, no purchase order fee is necessary.			\$ 3.00	\$
Shipping and Handling Fee				\$ 6.00
			Total	\$

Please include a check or purchase order and mail to:

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ENTRY DEADLINE: POSTMARKED BY April 13, 2012