

It's Here!!!!

Tenth Annual 7th/8th Thinking Cap America Answers Challenge

April 9-April 20, 2012

Nine years ago Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl offered a nationwide online contest to its sixteen states with 7th/8th grade state contests (California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin). Teachers from other states wanted to participate so we included other state teams. Last year 234 teams from 21 states took the America Answers Challenge!

National comparisons are not 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 9th and April 20th.** 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 April 23rd. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the top teams in both 7th grade and 8th grade pools. One difference is that you must decide before ordering what grade level your team(s) is and order accordingly.

Please Note: For each team you want to participate, you need to purchase an entry. 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 2nd you will be sent: **a website, a team name, a password, and complete directions.**

Congratulations 2011 America Answers Winners!!!

7th Grade Winners

Champion – Boulan Park Middle Sch., Troy MI
Second – Sandy Run Middle School, Dresher PA
Third – Gretna Middle School, Gretna NE
Fourth – Nardin Academy, Buffalo NY

8th Grade Winners

Champion – Webb Bridge Middle Sch., Alpharetta GA
Second – Westminster School, Atlanta GA
Third – Chamblee Middle School, Chamblee GA
Fourth – Bouland Park Middle School, Troy MI
Fifth – Hopkins West JHS, Minnetonka MN
Sixth – Gretna Middle School, Gretna NE

On Contest Day...

It couldn't be easier! On the day you choose to do the quiz, log on 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 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 April 23rd. 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, detach, and mail the entry form below by March 30th.
The entry fee is \$35.00 per team.**

----- Please detach and 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. or
(A disk copy of the contest is sent after the Internet competition.) **MAC** **WIN**

Quantity		Description	Unit Price	Total Price
		7th Grade America Answers Team(s)	\$ 35.00	\$
		8th Grade America Answers Team(s)	\$ 35.00	\$
MAC CD	WIN CD	Practice Disks		
		NEW "America Answers #9" Practice (2011)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #8" Practice (2010)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #7" Practice Disk (2009)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #6" Practice Disk (2008)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #5" Practice Disk (2007)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #4" Practice Disk (2006)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #3" Practice Disk (2005)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #2" Practice Disk (2004)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"America Answers #1" Practice Disk (2003)	\$ 17.00	\$
		American Presidents Practice Disk ('09-'10)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"Best of 2nd 5 Years" Practice ('10-'11)	\$ 17.00	\$
		"Best of the 1st 5 Years" Practice Disk ('01-'02)	\$ 17.00	\$
		Practice Disk ('10-'11 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 March 30, 2012