

## **BRILLIANCY TEST!**

The following are more excerpts of actual answers given to teachers by children from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Ohio on history tests and in Sunday school quizzes.

1. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March murdered him because they thought he was going to be made king. Dying, he gasped out "Same to you, Brutus".

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2. Queen Elizabeth was the 'Virgin Queen'. As a queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted "hurrah!" and that was the end of the fighting for a long while.

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3. In an age of great inventions and discoveries Gutenberg invented removable type and the Bible. Another important invention was the circulation of blood.

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4. The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. He was born in the year 1564, supposedly on his birthday. He never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He wrote tragedies, comedies, and hysterectomies, all in Islamic pentameter.

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5. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Miguel Cervantes. He wrote Donkey Hote. The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote Paradise Lost. Since then no one ever found it.

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6. Abraham Lincoln became America's greatest Precedent. Lincoln's mother died in infancy, and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves by signing the Emasculation Proclamation.

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7. On the night of April 14<sup>th</sup> 1865 Lincoln went to the theatre and got shot in his seat by one of the actors in a moving picture show. They believe the assassin was John Wilkes Booth, a supposedly insane actor. This ruined Booth's career.

Disgruntled bridge player to his partner after an extremely bad session.  
"We've been playing together for five years now and we just can't agree on anything."  
Partner, "We've been playing together for six years."

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Post mortems must be conducted in an orderly manner. You should identify the problem together, isolate the cause and effect and then in no uncertain terms tell partner precisely where he went wrong.

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If you find yourself playing with a stupid partner, make sure that he's not doing the