

BRILLIANCY TEST!

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

1. Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Desert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

2. Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

3. Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was an actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. He was a very busy man.

4. The Greeks were a highly sculptured people and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a young female moth.

5. Socrates was a famous old Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. He later died from an overdose of wedlock which is apparently poisonous. After his death his career suffered a dramatic decline.

6. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 foot clipper which was very dangerous to all his men.

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WINNING TIP

Don't use Ace asking conventions indiscriminately. They should be used only to verify what you expect your partner to hold from his bidding. You could get caught in no man's land. If you use Roman Key Card Blackwood, don't forget you can ask for the Queen of trumps. If partner answers 5C after your 4NT query, 5D by you asks for the Queen of Trumps. 5H says no, I don't have it but 5S screams hallelujah, by George *I've got it!* This still leaves 5NT available to ask for Kings (excluding the King of Trumps of course).

Opening bids of short club and better minor:

The required suit length for not alerting these openings is THREE cards. The short Club opening **does not** guarantee at least three Clubs.

The better minor opening **does** guarantee at least three cards in the bid Minor.

ERGO: Alert short Club openings. Do not alert Better Minor openings.

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