

Fact-Finding Mission

This is an “open-book” test: You will need to consult your copy of the December 8, 2008, issue of *Junior Scholastic* in order to answer these questions. It’s up to you to figure out which articles to find the answers in.

PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE

- Members of the Electoral College will certify the results of the 2008 presidential election on
 - January 20.
 - July 4.
 - November 4.
 - December 15.
- An official appointed to represent commercial interests in another country is
 - an aide de camp.
 - a chancellor.
 - a consul.
 - a councilor.
- One of President-elect Barack Obama’s first staffing decisions was to name U.S. Representative Rahm Emanuel as his
 - Director of the CIA.
 - Secretary of State.
 - White House Chief of Staff.
 - White House Press Secretary.
- The U.S. war with Tripoli was fought largely in the
 - Aegean Sea.
 - Mediterranean Sea.
 - North Atlantic Ocean.
 - Red Sea.
- Nebraska and Maine are the only states that split their electoral votes by
 - area code.
 - congressional district.
 - county.
 - population density.

PART 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS

- The only state to split its electoral votes—four going to John McCain and one to Barack Obama—was _____.
- A judge ordered two New York City restaurants to give two illegally underpaid workers \$ _____.
- Sub-Saharan Africa is facing its worst hunger crisis in 10 years, due to political violence, poverty, and _____.
- In April 2007, riots over high food prices forced out the Prime Minister of _____.

PART 3: THINK ABOUT IT

- By mid-November 2008, Somali pirates had attacked more than 90 ships in the waters surrounding the Horn of Africa. What do you think would be the best solution to this problem? Give examples to support your assertion.
