

Answers to George Miller's High School Handout

⇒ *How many animals in the United States are on the Endangered Species List?*

388

⇒ *Which rock star traveled to Africa last year with the U.S. Treasury Secretary to promote U.S. aid to poor African nations?*

Bono, lead singer for U2

⇒ *How many nations have nuclear weapons?*

7 countries acknowledge having nuclear arsenals: United States, United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Russia

1 is widely known to have nuclear arsenal, but does not acknowledge: Israel

3 are thought to be seeking nuclear arsenals: Iraq, Iran, North Korea

⇒ *Can the U.S. President send troops into war without the consent of Congress?*

No. Under the Constitution, war powers are divided. Congress has the power to declare war and raise and support the armed forces (Article I, Section 8), while the President is Commander-in-Chief (Article II, Section 2). It is generally agreed that the Commander-in-Chief role gives the President power to repel attacks against the United States and makes him responsible for leading the armed forces.

⇒ *What percentage of funds for an average public school comes from federal taxpayers?*

8%

⇒ *How much money did the CEO of communications giant Global Crossing walk away with last year after his company declared bankruptcy and its pensioners lost \$200 million?*

\$740 million

⇒ *TRUE OR FALSE? Saddam Hussein tried to buy significant quantities of uranium from the African nation of Niger.*

The British intelligence upon which the President based this claim relied on evidence that had been called into question by the intelligence community prior to the State of the Union address. Intelligence officials say the C.I.A. told British officials last fall that they doubted the evidence supporting the claim. And, in March 2003, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported that information that led to the claim that Iraq had tried to obtain uranium from Niger was a forgery.