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Hunt #1

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1. "Uncle Sam" -- the tall, white-bearded man wearing a coat of red, white, and blue -- is a symbol of the United States. Some people think Uncle Sam's name comes from the letters that were stamped on all army supplies during the Civil War. What were those letters? _____

2. Which is the only continent on Earth that is home to the animal known as the sloth? _____

3. How much of Earth's surface is covered by warm desert land? _____

4. Scandinavia, one of Europe's five regions, includes five countries. Which of those countries' names is missing from the list below? Fill in the missing country name.
   Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, and _____

5. The *nectarine* is a smooth-skinned variety of which common fruit? _____

6. In what year did U.S. people first use paper money? _____

7. Baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan struck out more batters than any other pitcher in baseball history. How many batters did he strike out during his career? _____

8. America's first school spelling book, the "Blue-Backed Speller," was written by the man many call "the father of the American dictionary." Who was that man? _____

9. What was the coldest temperature ever recorded in Florida? (Give the temperature in Fahrenheit, not Centigrade.) _____

10. Which country below has a flag of red, white, and blue? Circle that country's name.
    Bangladesh Canada Chile

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