MARCH BASKETBALL FUN

Directions: Each March, the men's and women's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball championship tournaments are held. What do you know about the history of basketball? Explore the Web site below, then read each question and circle the correct answer.

Web Resources:
Basketball Hall of Fame: History
http://www.hoophall.com/history/

1. Who invented the game of basketball?
   - Abner Doubleday
   - Luther Gulick
   - James Naismith

2. How long did a basketball game last under the original rules?
   - Two 15-minute halves
   - Three 20-minute periods
   - Four 15-minute quarters

3. Who sank the first 3-point field goal in the history of college basketball, and in what year did he sink it?
   - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1965
   - Ronnie Carr in 1980
   - Larry Bird in 1975

4. In what year were basketball players first paid to play?
   - 1796
   - 1896
   - 1996

5. In what city was the game of basketball invented?
   - Nashville, Tennessee
   - Springfield, Massachusetts
   - Kansas City, Missouri

Something to Think About: Why do you think the game of basketball is so popular?


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