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## 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?

**Learn More:** Go to BasketMath Interactive at <http://www.scienceacademy.com/BI/index.html> and practice your Math skills.