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First Name, Last Name

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

One person's last name can often be another person's first name – such as Clarence Thomas and Thomas Jefferson, or Jesse James and James Cagney. Given a clue for each of two famous people, can you figure out the name they share?

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clues aloud. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. An openly gay liberal former congressman from Massachusetts, and ... "Old Blue Eyes" from Hoboken, New Jersey.
2. Author of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Rip Van Winkle*, and ... composer of "White Christmas" and "God Bless America."
3. He broke the color barrier in baseball, and ... he was Daniel DeFoe's fictional castaway who spent 28 years on a remote island off the coast of Venezuela.
4. Singer-songwriter famous for "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Times They are A-Changin'," and ... and Welsh poet and writer of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.
5. Young star of *Rebel Without a Cause* who died in a car accident at age 24, and ... the straight man comedy partner of Jerry Lewis.
6. Confederate General who surrendered at Appomattox; and the assassin of John F. Kennedy.
7. She prosecuted O.J. Simpson, and ... the name of Superman's more human alter ego.
8. Star of TV's *Make Room for Daddy*, and ... the inventor of the light bulb.
9. He was an astronaut and senator from Ohio, and ... he was one of the best known bandleaders of the 1930s. (His plane disappeared over the English Channel in 1944 and his body has never been found.)
10. She was Lamb Chop's puppeteer, and ... he was the author who created Wonderland and the Cheshire Cat.
11. Rugged actor nicknamed "The Duke", and ... the legendary hockey player nicknamed "The Great One."

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ANSWERS

1. Barney Frank Sinatra
2. Washington Irving Berlin
3. Jackie Robinson Crusoe
4. Bob Dylan Thomas
5. James Dean Martin
6. Robert E. Lee Harvey Oswald
7. Marcia Clark Kent
8. Danny Thomas Edison
9. John Glenn Miller
10. Shari Lewis Carroll
11. John Wayne Gretsky