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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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JUNE

- 10 Pts June marks the beginning of this season in Australia.
- 20 Pts This iridescent and usually round gem is the birthstone for June.
- 30 Pts According to *Variety* in early 1955, this kind of music would be “gone by June.”
- 40 Pts In the US, this is celebrated every third Sunday in June.
- 50 Pts June 20th marks this yearly occurrence — the longest day of the year.

MEMORIAL DAY

- 10 Pts Every Memorial Day since 1920, a solemn service of remembrance is held at the Memorial Amphitheater in this US cemetery.
- 20 Pts What flower did the National American Legion adopt as their official symbol of remembrance for fallen soldiers?
- 30 Pts What was the original name of Memorial Day when it was first observed in 1868?
- 40 Pts This auto race has been running on the Sunday before every Memorial Day since 1911.
- 50 Pts The National Memorial Day Concert takes place on the west lawn of the US Capitol, and can be seen each year on this television network.

ALL “AMERICAN”

- 10 Pts This singing competition show premiered in 2002, with original judges Simon Cowell, Randy Jackson, and Paula Abdul.
- 20 Pts This financial services company started out in 1850 as an express mail business in Buffalo, New York.
- 30 Pts These groups, called “First Nations” in Canada, are known as this in the USA.
- 40 Pts This pejorative term for arrogant US citizens who travel abroad was taken from the title of a 1958 novel about a group of diplomats who fail to understand the culture, customs, and language of the southeast Asian nation where they are stationed.
- 50 Pts This history series premiered on PBS in 1987, and was originally hosted by David McCullough.

BOOKS AND CHARACTERS

- 10 Pts In which Dickens book would you meet Jacob Marley?
- 20 Pts In which Alice Walker book would you meet Celie, Nettie and Shug Avery?
- 30 Pts In which Joseph Heller book would you meet Captain Yossarian, Colonel Cathcart, and First Lieutenant Milo Minderbinder?
- 40 Pts In which Truman Capote book would you meet Holly Golightly and Fred, the narrator?
- 50 Pts In which Evelyn Waugh book would you meet Sebastian Flyte and Charles Ryder?

TABLE OF ELEMENTS

- 10 Pts This element is an effective disinfectant is often added to swimming pools to keep them clean and sanitary.
- 20 Pts This element has been added to table salt since 1924, originally for the purpose of reducing the incidence of goiter.
- 30 Pts In a 1940's movie starring Cary Grant, this chemical element, along with strychnine and cyanide, was mixed into a glass of elderberry wine and given to lonely old men by Grant's two spinster aunts.
- 40 Pts This metalloid, one of the most abundant elements on earth, is the basis of the computer industry.
- 50 Pts This metal element, an excellent conductor of heat, is used in the manufacture of high quality pans and to coat the bottom of cooking pots.

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ANSWERS

JUNE

- 10 Pts Winter
- 20 Pts Pearl
- 30 Pts Rock and Roll
- 40 Pts Father's Day
- 50 Pts The summer solstice

MEMORIAL DAY

- 10 Pts Arlington National Cemetery
- 20 Pts The poppy. The American Legion has been raising money for veterans and handing out silk (or paper) poppies since 1920.
- 30 Pts Decoration Day, so called because the graves of fallen Civil War soldiers were decorated with flowers in remembrance. The name of the holiday was standardized around the country as Memorial Day in 1971.
- 40 Pts The Indianapolis 500
- 50 Pts PBS. It is also carried on NPR (National Public Radio).

ALL "AMERICAN"

- 10 Pts *American Idol*
- 20 Pts American Express
- 30 Pts Native Americans
- 40 Pts Ugly Americans
- 50 Pts *American Experience*

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- 10 Pts *A Christmas Carol*
- 20 Pts *The Color Purple*
- 30 Pts *Catch-22*
- 40 Pts *Breakfast at Tiffany's*
- 50 Pts *Brideshead Revisited*

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- 10 Pts Chlorine
- 20 Pts Iodine. Iodine is now known to be a critical element for heart, nerve, and metabolic health. It's also critical to intellectual development in babies.
- 30 Pts Arsenic (The movie is *Arsenic and Old Lace*.)
- 40 Pts Silicon
- 50 Pts Copper