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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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QUESTIONS

ALSO ON THE 4TH OF JULY ...

- 10 Pts On July 4th 1939, Lou Gehrig, recently diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, informed a crowd at Yankee Stadium that he was retiring from baseball, but added that he considered himself ... what?
- 20 Pts On July 4th 1976, the US celebrated its Bicentennial. Who was president at the time?
- 30 Pts On July 4th 1845, this naturalist and author moved into a small cabin on Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts. His two-year account of life in the wilderness became a touchstone of the environmental movement more than a century later.
- 40 Pts On July 4th 1832, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was performed for the first time at an Independence Day festival in Boston. What is the first verse of that patriotic song?
- 50 Pts On July 4th 1817, construction of this waterway began in Rome, New York. Upon its completion eight years later, it stretched 351 miles from the Niagara River near Buffalo to the Hudson River near Albany.

AMERICAN HEROES

- 10 Pts This marine biologist/conservationist's influential 1962 book *Silent Spring* is credited with advancing the global environmental movement.
- 20 Pts After winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, this African American track and field athlete was credited with "single-handedly crushing Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy."
- 30 Pts This First Lady famously saved one of the White House's paintings of George Washington from being looted by British troops during the war of 1812.
- 40 Pts At age 23, he was a featured speaker at the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington; at age 25 he was beaten senseless by police and state troopers in the March from Selma to Montgomery; and in his mid-thirties, he was elected to the US House of Representatives from Georgia's 5th district, where he served until his death in 2020.
- 50 Pts The heroic service of these aviators was a key factor in leading President Truman to desegregate the US military.

AMERICAN MUSIC

- 10 Pts Born in the Russian Empire in 1888, he became an American citizen in 1918. His music, including "God Bless America," "White Christmas," and "There's No Business Like Show Business," forms a large part of the Great American Songbook.
- 20 Pts He's the Massachusetts-born composer of *West Side Story*.
- 30 Pts Born in Pennsylvania in 1826, he is known as "The Father of American Music." His most memorable tunes include "My Old Kentucky Home," "Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair," and "Beautiful Dreamer."
- 40 Pts This Brooklyn-born composer of *Rhapsody in Blue*, *An American in Paris*, and *Porgy and Bess* (including the song "Summertime") died of a brain tumor at the age of 38.
- 50 Pts This composer of some of America's most iconic songs, including "Over There," "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," and "You're a Grand Old Flag," was actually born in Providence, RI in 1838 on the 3rd of July – not the 4th.

AMERICAN FOOD

- 10 Pts A New England favorite, red flannel hash, gets its deep color from these vegetables.
- 20 Pts A Po' Boy is a Louisiana sandwich usually filled with this seafood.
- 30 Pts Ambrosia, which is a popular fruit dessert in the southern US, usually has four key ingredients. Can you name three of them?
- 40 Pts This roll is considered a "gateway" sushi, since the key ingredient, crabmeat, is cooked and rolled in rice with avocado and cucumber.
- 50 Pts This American Creole and Cajun stew was so loved that it inspired Hank Williams to write a party song for it in 1952: "Son of a gun, we'll have big fun on the Bayou."

NATIVE AMERICANS

- 10 Pts Until their near extinction in the 1880s, these creatures were the main source of food of the plains Indians.
- 20 Pts When Native Americans made peace, they symbolically buried this weapon.
- 30 Pts These monuments, usually carved from large western red cedar trees, often depict kinship ground, much like a genealogy chart or family tree.
- 40 Pts The dramatic mountain carving memorial to this Lakota war leader who fought and defeated Custer is located, ironically, in Custer County, South Dakota.
- 50 Pts This largest southwestern tribe call themselves the Diné. Since their language has no V sound, they found this name, which was given to them by Spanish settlers, unpronounceable.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts "The luckiest man on the face of the earth."
- 20 Pts Gerald Ford
- 30 Pts Henry David Thoreau
- 40 Pts "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died. Land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."
- 50 Pts The Erie Canal, which was the first navigable waterway connecting the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes

AMERICAN HEROES

- 10 Pts Rachel Carson
- 20 Pts Jesse Owens
- 30 Pts Dolley Madison
- 40 Pts John Lewis
- 50 Pts The Tuskegee Airmen

AMERICAN MUSIC

- 10 Pts Irving Berlin
- 20 Pts Leonard Bernstein
- 30 Pts Stephen Foster
- 40 Pts George Gershwin
- 50 Pts George M. Cohan

AMERICAN FOOD

- 10 Pts Beets
- 20 Pts Oysters
- 30 Pts Canned (or fresh) pineapple, canned mandarin or fresh orange slices, miniature marshmallows, and coconut. (Other "non-key" fruits can be added, and sometimes also nuts, whipped cream, pudding or mayonnaise.)
- 40 Pts California Roll
- 50 Pts Jambalaya

NATIVE AMERICANS

- 10 Pts Buffalo/bison
- 20 Pts The hatchet
- 30 Pts Totem poles
- 40 Pts Crazy Horse
- 50 Pts Navajo