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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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BIOGRAPHIES AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

- 10 Pts The title of this game show host's 2009 autobiography was *Priceless Memories*.
- 20 Pts The title of his 1953 autobiography was the same as the name of his plane: *The Spirit of St. Louis*.
- 30 Pts His autobiography, published in 1943, shared its name with one of his most beloved folk songs: "Bound For Glory."
- 40 Pts This outdoorsman-turned-businessman called his 1960 autobiography *My Story: The Autobiography of a Down East Merchant*. He died seven years later at age 94.
- 50 Pts The autobiography of this former president of the Ford Motor Company (best known for spearheading the production of the Mustang and the Pinto) was the best selling book of the 1980s.

CLASSIC FILMS

- 10 Pts This classic 1965 movie tells the story of the von Trapp family.
- 20 Pts Lawrence Olivier dyed his hair blonde for this 1948 film in order to look more Danish.
- 30 Pts Jack Nicholson's memorably mused in this 1975 blockbuster, "I must be crazy to be in a looney bin like this."
- 40 Pts Elsa Lanchester and her husband Charles Laughton were supposed to star in this movie in the 1930s; but it wasn't until the 1950s that the classic film was made, featuring Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.
- 50 Pts In the unforgettable ending to this 1968 science fiction film, Taylor and Nova discover the sand-covered remains of the Statue of Liberty, and realize that the "alien" planet they are on is actually Earth, long after its population was destroyed by a nuclear war.

1949

- 10 Pts On August 11, this 49-year-old author of *Gone With the Wind* was struck and killed by the driver of an automobile in Atlanta.
- 20 Pts In August of 1949, the first law under this new South African political system was passed, banning mixed-race marriages.
- 30 Pts On October 21, 1949, this current Prime Minister of Israel was born in Tel Aviv. He spent much of his youth living in the US, graduating from a suburban Philadelphia high school and attending college at both MIT and Harvard.
- 40 Pts After Nationalist leader Chang Kai-Shek fled to Taiwan, this Communist leader established the People's Republic of China on October 1.
- 50 Pts On June 8, 1949, this George Orwell novel was published. It was set more than three decades into the future, depicting a country shackled by an oppressive government led by Big Brother and a world perpetually at war.

OLDE ENGLAND

- 10 Pts What is the last name used by the family of King Charles III, the current king of England?
- 20 Pts What was the name of the English port from which the *Mayflower* departed in 1620 for the New World?
- 30 Pts By what nickname is the London underground subway popularly known?
- 40 Pts Spell the name of the famous British tennis club and tournament competition that starts with the letter W.
- 50 Pts According to English legend, this was the town where Lady Godiva rode naked on a horse to protest the oppressive taxes imposed by her husband.

NEW ENGLAND

- 10 Pts When the action of the movie (and the book) *The Perfect Storm* was not at sea, it was set in this historic Massachusetts fishing city.
- 20 Pts This New England state is the only one in the US that shares a border with only one other state.
- 30 Pts The city of Greenwich (pronounced *GREN•itch*) in this state has the wealthiest zip code in New England, and the ninth-wealthiest in the country.
- 40 Pts The Massachusetts city of Worcester often vies with this Rhode Island capital for the position of second-largest city (by population) in New England.
- 50 Pts Which two New England states were not part of the thirteen original colonies?

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ANSWERS

BIOGRAPHIES AND AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

- 10 Pts Bob Barker, who hosted *The Price is Right* from 1972 to 2007
- 20 Pts Charles Lindbergh
- 30 Pts Woody Guthrie
- 40 Pts L. L. Bean (Leon Leonwood Bean)
- 50 Pts Lee Iacocca

CLASSIC FILMS

- 10 Pts *The Sound of Music*
- 20 Pts *Hamlet*
- 30 Pts *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- 40 Pts *The African Queen*
- 50 Pts *The Planet of the Apes*

1949

- 10 Pts Margaret Mitchell
- 20 Pts Apartheid
- 30 Pts Benjamin Netanyahu
- 40 Pts Mao Zedong
- 50 Pts *1984*

OLDE ENGLAND

- 10 Pts Windsor (or Mountbatten-Windsor)
- 20 Pts Plymouth
- 30 Pts The Tube
- 40 Pts W•I•M•B•L•E•D•O•N
- 50 Pts Coventry

NEW ENGLAND

- 10 Pts Gloucester (pronounced GLAW•stir)
- 20 Pts Maine (which shares a border with New Hampshire)
- 30 Pts Connecticut
- 40 Pts Providence
- 50 Pts Vermont (which was added in 1791 as the 14th state) and Maine (which didn't split off from Massachusetts until 1820)