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Famous “Fathers”

Estimated play time: Varies

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad.

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Americans know that George Washington is considered “The Father of Our Country”; but how many of these other “fathers” can you identify?

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first clue. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a player/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 others may ‘buzz’ in and answer.
4. Keep score (10 points for each answer) after each question is answered correctly. Play until all questions have been asked and answered.

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1. He became “The Father of Antibiotics” quite by accident.
2. These two Americans share the title “Father of Aviation.”
3. For his cutting edge ideas on the origins of man, he is known as “The Father of Evolution.”
4. For leading his country to independence, he is considered “The Father of India.”
5. He was the Austrian “Father of Psychoanalysis.”
6. All new physicians pledge an oath that was based on the writings and practices of this ancient Greek “Father of Medicine.”
7. The process of purifying milk was named after this French “Father of Bacteriology.”
8. Although he wrote *The Canterbury Tales* in Middle English, he is considered “The Father of English Literature.”
9. With the publication of *Don Quixote* in 1605, he became “The Father of Western Literature.”
10. This “Hardest Working Man in Show Business” is referred to as “The Godfather of Soul.”
11. Excommunicated by the Roman Catholic church for his radical ideas, this German theologian became “The Father of Protestantism” in the early 16th century.
12. Two writers, one British (1866-1946) and one French (1828-1905), have each been called “The “Father of Science Fiction.” Can you name one of them?
13. Can you name either “The Father of the A-Bomb” or “The Father of the H-bomb?”
14. If you remember your math from high school, you can probably name this ancient Greek “Father of Geometry.”
15. The first over-the-counter mouthwash was named after this British “Father of Antiseptics.”
16. These two Germans co-authored one of the most influential political books ever written. One is often referred to as “The “Father of Communism,” and the other as “The Father of Socialism.” Can you name them?

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ANSWERS

1. Alexander Fleming
2. Wilbur and Orville Wright
3. Charles Darwin
4. Mahatma Gandhi
5. Sigmund Freud
6. Hippocrates
7. Louis Pasteur
8. Geoffrey Chaucer
9. Cervantes (Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra)
10. James Brown
11. Martin Luther
12. H. G. Wells (British) and Jules Verne (French)
13. “The Father of the A(tom) Bomb” was Robert Oppenheimer. “The Father of the H(ydrogen) Bomb” was Edward Teller.
14. Euclid
15. Joseph Lister
16. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. The book was *The Communist Manifesto*, published in London in 1848.