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Last Week's News

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. 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. The flame for the 2024 Olympics was lit this week. Where did the ceremony occur? And for extra kudos, where will the 2024 Olympics be held this summer?
2. Donald Trump made history this week as the first former president to go on trial for criminal charges. By the end of the week, how many jurors and alternate jurors were chosen?
3. President Joe Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden released their tax returns last week. How much did the First Couple earn in 2023?
4. Which university's president was grilled on Capitol Hill last week about antisemitism on campus?
5. According to the literary society PEN America, which US state banned the most books from school libraries in 2023?
6. What prominent political family endorsed Joe Biden last week?
7. What country deployed more than 300 drones and missiles at Israel, nearly all of which were intercepted before they could hit their target?
8. What WNBA team drafted Caitlin Clark, the University of Iowa star player? And for extra kudos, how much will the star player of the WNBA make in her rookie year?
9. In a ceremonial walk across the Capitol to the Senate, House Republicans sent two articles of impeachment against which Cabinet member?

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ANSWERS

1. The ceremony occurred in Greece (Olympia, Greece, to be precise). The Olympic torch will now begin its journey to light the cauldron that marks the opening in the Summer Games in Paris.
2. Twelve jurors and six alternate jurors
3. \$620,000
4. Columbia University's president Nemat Shafik
5. Florida banned the most books – 3,135. Wisconsin came in second with 481 books banned, and Iowa was third with 142.
6. More than a dozen members of the Kennedy family publicly chose to endorse Joe Biden over their own brother/cousin Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
7. Iran
8. The Indiana Fever. Caitlin Clark will make \$76,000, while male counterpart in the NBA would make a minimum of \$1.2 million in his rookie year.
9. Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security. The Senate almost immediately dismissed the impeachment charges, arguing that they were not constitutional.