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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

AUTHORS BY THEIR WORK

- 10 Pts *The Sun Also Rises; A Farewell to Arms; For Whom the Bell Tolls*
- 20 Pts *The Masque of the Red Death; The Fall of the House of Usher; The Murders in the Rue Morgue*
- 30 Pts *The Red Pony; Of Mice and Men; The Grapes of Wrath*
- 40 Pts *Sense and Sensibility; Pride and Prejudice; Northanger Abbey*
- 50 Pts *Fanshawe; The Scarlet Letter; The House of the Seven Gables*

MAMMALS

- 10 Pts This rodent is the only mammal that truly flies.
- 20 Pts The Romans called this African mammal a tiger-horse.
- 30 Pts The orca, or killer whale, isn't a whale at all, but a member of this marine mammal species.
- 40 Pts This once abundant but now protected mammal is the heaviest land mammal that is native to North America.
- 50 Pts Only five species of mammals lay eggs. Four of them are species of echidna; the other is this semi-aquatic, duck-billed, beaver-tailed, otter-footed native of Australia.

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- 10 Pts This dieters' organization was founded in the 1960s by Jean Nidetch.
- 20 Pts A founding member of DC Comics' Junior League, she was the first prominent female superhero.
- 30 Pts Chardonnay or Pinot Grigio.
- 40 Pts Roald Dahl's fictional chocolatier.
- 50 Pts Ornamental tree known for its branches, which bend and trail down to the ground.

FAMOUS 20th CENTURY DATES

- 10 Pts December 7, 1941; Hawaii
- 20 Pts April 29, 1975; Saigon, Vietnam
- 30 Pts October 24, 1929; New York City
- 40 Pts August 28, 1963; Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC.
- 50 Pts July 16, 1999; Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts.

MEDICINE

- 10 Pts This traditional medical treatment involving thin needles that pierce the skin is believed to have originated in China around 100 BC.
- 20 Pts What three body parts does an otolaryngologist treat?
- 30 Pts Inoculations can be subcutaneous, intramuscular, or this type, meaning “into a vein.”
- 40 Pts A spinal tap is the procedure doctors use to obtain CSF, the fluid that can detect infections of the brain.
- 50 Pts A few almonds might help if you have a headache, since they contain salicylic acid – the same active ingredient in this drug developed in 1853.

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ANSWERS

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- 10 Pts Ernest Hemingway
- 20 Pts Edgar Allan Poe
- 30 Pts John Steinbeck
- 40 Pts Jane Austen
- 50 Pts Nathaniel Hawthorne

MAMMALS

- 10 Pts The bat
- 20 Pts The zebra
- 30 Pts The orca is the largest member of the dolphin family.
- 40 Pts The buffalo. (American Buffalo *and* American Bison *are also correct answers.*)
- 50 Pts The platypus

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- 10 Pts Weight Watchers
- 20 Pts Wonder Woman
- 30 Pts White Wine
- 40 Pts Willie Wonka
- 50 Pts Weeping Willow

FAMOUS 20th CENTURY DATES

- 10 Pts Pearl Harbor was attacked.
- 20 Pts All US personnel were removed from South Vietnam.
- 30 Pts The stock market crashed, signaling the beginning of the worldwide Great Depression.
- 40 Pts Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have A Dream" speech.
- 50 Pts John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife, and her sister died in a small plane crash.

MEDICINE

- 10 Pts Acupuncture
- 20 Pts Ear, nose, and throat
- 30 Pts Intravenous
- 40 Pts Cerebrospinal fluid
- 50 Pts Aspirin