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Born In ...

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Overview:

Given a clue or two, can you identify these famous folks who were born in 1934 – ninety-one years ago?

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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1. This native of Mobile, Alabama broke Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974 while playing with the Atlanta Braves.
2. Few people know that he was the creator and first portrayer of Ronald McDonald. He is more widely remembered as the *Today Show* weatherman who in 1983 started the tradition of wishing Happy Birthday to centenarians.
3. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he earned his Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees in astrophysics at the University of Chicago. He is best remembered for his work as a science popularizer and communicator, and especially for his PBS series *Cosmos*.
4. Born in Dale, Indiana, this actress is probably best remembered for playing Carol Brady in the TV series *The Brady Bunch*.
5. Born in Winstead, Connecticut, this 91-year-old was educated at Princeton and Harvard and first came to prominence as a consumer advocate. He also ran for president of the US in 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008.
6. Born in Toledo, Ohio, she was a leader and spokeswoman for the American feminist movement in the late 1960s and into the 1970s and a co-founder of *Ms. Magazine*.
7. Born in Cincinnati, he was sent to live with relatives when his alcoholic mother went to jail for robbery. At around age 12, his life of crime began, and he spent most of his youth in juvenile facilities. By 1968, he was living in California, where he formed a cult. He required his followers, mostly women, to do his bidding, which included committing one of the most infamous multiple murders in US history.
8. He was the corrupt military leader and de facto ruler of Panama from 1983 to 1989, when the US invaded Panama and removed him from power.
9. Born in Monroe, Louisiana, this 6' 10" center led the Boston Celtics in eleven championships, from 1956 to his retirement in 1969. He is widely considered one of the greatest basketball players of all time.
10. He was born in Hugo, Oklahoma. Although he earned a Master of Divinity degree, he became interested in politics, working first in the Kennedy Administration as the director of public affairs for the newly created Peace Corps. He was appointed as a Special Assistant to President Johnson, and became his informal chief of staff. He eventually made a home for his public affairs and documentary work on PBS.
11. This actor is best remembered for his starring TV roles on *My Favorite Martian*, *The Courtship of Eddie's Father*, and *The Incredible Hulk*. He also played Willie Abbot in the ABC mini-series, *Rich Man, Poor Man*.
12. This Russian Cosmonaut, who died at the age of 34, was the first human in space.

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ANSWERS

1. Hank Aaron
2. Willard Scott
3. Carl Sagan
4. Florence Henderson
5. Ralph Nader
6. Gloria Steinem
7. Charles Manson
8. Manuel Noriega
9. Bill Russell
10. Bill Moyers
11. Bill Bixby
12. Yuri Gagarin