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This Week in History

Estimated play time: Varies

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This weekly quiz looks at historical events for each day of this coming week – just a question or two per day. You can choose to make this a standard group game ... or you might think about posting the questions for each day – perhaps in the dining room or the elevator – to inspire participation even from those residents who don't join in on the group game activities.

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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MARCH 16

1. 1850. This scandalous story of adultery and betrayal in colonial America, written by Nathaniel Hawthorne, was published.
2. 1995. One-hundred and thirty years after the Civil War, this southern state formally ratified the Thirteenth Amendment to the US Constitution which abolished slavery.

MARCH 17

3. 1901. A public showing of this Dutch painter's work caused a sensation in Paris. The painter, who had committed suicide eleven years earlier, died without any notion that his work was destined to win acclaim beyond his wildest dreams. Prior to this, he had only sold one painting.
4. 1931. In an attempt to lift the state from the hard times of the Great Depression, the Nevada state legislature voted to legalize this activity.

MARCH 18

5. 1892. Former Governor General of Canada Lord Stanley pledged to donate a silver challenge cup as an award for the best team in this sport.
6. 1895. Two hundred African Americans left Savannah, GA to settle this African country.

MARCH 19

7. 1957. Elvis Presley, aged 22, made a down payment on a home for his parents on the outskirts of Memphis, Tennessee. What name did Presley give to this southern Colonial mansion that was situated on nearly 14 acres of woodland?
8. 2003. US military operations began in Iraq under this code name.

MARCH 20

9. 1916. This scientist first published his general theory of relativity, fundamentally changing our understanding of the universe.
10. 1987. AZT became the first drug to be approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of this epidemic disease.

MARCH 21

11. 1980. This TV show's third season ended with one of the most famous cliffhangers of all time, which left America wondering, "Who shot JR?"
12. 2006. This social media site was founded. Sixteen years later, Elon Musk bought it for \$44 billion and changed its name to X.

MARCH 22

13. 1457. This became the first book ever printed, thanks to the Gutenberg printing press in Germany.
14. 1948. This composer of numerous musical theater hits, including *Phantom of the Opera* and *Evita*, was born in the Kensington section of London.

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ANSWERS

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1. *The Scarlet Letter*
2. Mississippi

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3. Vincent van Gogh
4. 1931. Gambling. Forty years later, the state legalized prostitution.

MARCH 18

5. Hockey. The award was later named after him as the Stanley Cup.
6. Liberia

MARCH 19

7. Graceland. Presley bought the house for \$102,500. Today, the estimated value of Graceland is \$718 million.
8. Operation Shock and Awe

MARCH 20

9. Albert Einstein
10. AIDS

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11. *Dallas*
12. Twitter. Since Musk bought X, the value has plummeted. In January 2025, its brand value was under \$500 million.

MARCH 22

13. The Bible
14. Andrew Lloyd Webber