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# This Week in History

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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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## JUNE 29

1. 1972. The US Supreme Court ruled that this practice was unconstitutional because it is in violation of the Eighth Amendment, which bans “cruel and unusual” punishment.
2. 1974. After the death of her husband, Juan Perón, Isabel Perón (who was both First Lady and Vice President) was sworn in as the first female president of this country.

## JUNE 30

3. 1921. US President Warren G. Harding appointed this former president as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
4. 1936. This novel about the Civil War was published. It was 1,037 pages long and, at that time, cost an eye-popping \$3.

## JULY 1

5. 1863. This decisive Civil War battle in Pennsylvania proved to be the turning point for the North and inspired one of President Lincoln’s most remembered speeches.
6. 1984. The Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees the rating system for movies, introduced this new rating category that fell between G (for general audiences) and M (for mature audiences).

## JULY 2

7. 1962. This discount retail corporation opened its first store in Rogers, Arkansas.
8. 1979. With the introduction of a new one-dollar coin, this activist became the first woman to be depicted on US currency.

## JULY 3

9. 1962. This second-baseman became the first African American to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
10. 1971. American singer and songwriter Jim Morrison, a member of this psychedelic rock group, died at age 27 in Paris; the official cause of death was heart failure.

## JULY 4 (*other than the obvious ...*)

11. 1862. This English mathematician took three sisters on a rowboat ride up a lazy section of the Thames River near Oxford and told them a fanciful story about a bored little girl named Alice who went looking for adventure.
12. 1954. Marilyn Sheppard was found beaten to death in her Ohio home by her physician husband, Samuel Sheppard. Sheppard was eventually convicted of the crime in a sensational murder trial. What television series did the Sheppard story inspire?

## JULY 5

13. 1954. This singer recorded his first commercial record, “That’s All Right,” at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee.
14. 1996. The first mammal cloned from an adult cell was born at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. What kind of mammal was it?

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## ANSWERS

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1. The death penalty. Four years later, the death penalty was reinstated.
2. Argentina

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3. William Howard Taft. Taft is the only person to serve as both president and Supreme Court Justice.
4. *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell

### JULY 1

5. The Battle of Gettysburg
6. PG-13. The designation was intended to give guidance to parents that the film contains content that may not be appropriate for children under the age of 13.

### JULY 2

7. Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart expanded to 24 stores across Arkansas within 5 years. Today Walmart (as it is now known) has 4,605 stores in the US and over 10,700 worldwide.
8. Susan B. Anthony

### JULY 3

9. Jackie Robinson
10. The Doors

### JULY 4

11. Reverend Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, aka Lewis Carroll. The book, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, was published exactly three years later.
12. *The Fugitive*, which debuted in 1963 and ran for four seasons

### JULY 5

13. Elvis Presley
14. A sheep, who was given the name Dolly (after Dolly Parton)