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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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JULY 6

1. 1885. This French scientist, the father of microbiology, successfully tested his vaccine against rabies on Joseph Meister, a boy who was savagely bitten by a rabid dog.
2. 1942. Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in a secret annex above her father's office in a warehouse in this city.

JULY 7

3. 1928. The Chillicothe Baking Company in Missouri came up with this new way to sell bread.
4. 1985. Boris Becker, from this country, became the youngest male tennis player ever to win Wimbledon at age 17.

JULY 8

5. 1947. Reports were broadcast that an alien UFO (then called a flying saucer) crash landed near this New Mexico city.
6. 1951. This European city celebrated its 2,000th birthday. In fact, historians believe that celebration should have occurred about two hundred years earlier, when the first settlement was established on the Seine River.

JULY 9

7. 1962. This shaggy-haired folk singer recorded his protest song "Blowin' In The Wind," which soon became an anthem for both the civil rights and the peace movements.
8. 1995. This American psychedelic rock band performed their last concert. One month later, lead guitarist and vocalist Jerry Garcia died at age 53.

JULY 10

9. 1989. The voice of Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and Porky Pig was silenced with the death of this voice-over legend.
10. 1925. Two legendary lawyers faced off in Dayton, Tennessee in what was dubbed "The Trial of the Century," in which high school science teacher John Scopes was accused of teaching evolution in violation of a Tennessee state law. Can you name one of these lawyers?

JULY 11

11. 1960. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by this author was first published. It was an instant success.
12. 2021. Virgin Galactic launched this British business magnate, and founder of the Virgin Group of companies, into space. It was the first instance of space flight made available to a private citizen.

JULY 12

13. 1862. President Lincoln signed a law that created this highest of military awards to commemorate members of the US Armed Forces who risk their lives "above and beyond the call of duty" while engaged in an action against an enemy.
14. 1984. Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale named this New York Congresswoman as his running mate, making her the first woman to run on a major party ticket.

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ANSWERS

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1. Louis Pasteur. Joseph Meister is the first person in history to survive rabies.
2. Amsterdam. Anne Frank lived in that factory attic for just over two years before being captured by the Nazis.

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3. Sliced. Sliced bread was advertised as "the greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped," which led to the popular idiom "the greatest thing since sliced bread."
4. Becker was born in West Germany in 1967.

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5. Roswell
6. Paris

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7. Bob Dylan
8. The Grateful Dead. Garcia, who had long struggled with drug and tobacco addiction, weight problems, sleep apnea, and diabetes, died of a heart attack.

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9. Mel Blanc
10. Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan

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11. Harper Lee
12. Richard Branson

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13. The Medal of Honor
14. Geraldine Ferraro