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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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## AUGUST 17

1. 1992. This film actor-director-writer admitted to having an affair with his wife's adopted daughter.
2. 2008. This American swimmer became the first person to win eight gold medals at one Olympic Games.

## AUGUST 18

3. 1963. James Meredith became the first African American to graduate from this university.
4. 1992. This NBA superstar, who wore number 33 for the Boston Celtics from 1979 to 1992, announced his retirement from basketball.

## AUGUST 19

5. 1909. This first-ever auto race was held at the US racetrack that is now the home of one of the world's most famous motor racing competitions.
6. 1953. The American CIA and British MI6 assisted in the overthrow of the government of Mohammad Mosaddegh in this country in order to reinstate Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

## AUGUST 20

7. 1858. This British naturalist first published his theory of evolution through natural selection.
8. 1977. After less than two weeks in office, President Gerald Ford nominated this former New York governor to serve as Vice President of the United States.

## AUGUST 21

9. 1911. The *Mona Lisa* was stolen by Vincenzo Perugia, a employee at this museum.
10. 1961. This American country music singer returned to Nashville to record her vocals to Willie Nelson's "Crazy," which would become her signature song.

## AUGUST 22

11. 1973. Richard Nixon nominated this German-born American as his Secretary of State.
12. 2011. Muammar Gaddafi, long-time dictator of this North African country, was overthrown by rebel forces. Two months later he was captured and killed.

## AUGUST 23

13. 1902. This pioneering cookbook author opened America's first cooking school in Boston. She advocated the use of standardized measurements in recipes.
14. 1979. Soviet ballet star Alexander Godunov defected while this famous Russian ballet troupe was on tour in New York.

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## ANSWERS

### AUGUST 17

1. Woody Allen. Allen was 56 and Soon-Yi Previn, adopted daughter of Mia Farrow and former husband Andre Previn, was 22. Previn and Allen were married in 1997 and are still together.
2. Michael Phelps

### AUGUST 18

3. The University of Mississippi
4. Larry Bird

### AUGUST 19

5. The Indianapolis 500
6. Iran

### AUGUST 20

7. Charles Darwin
8. Nelson Rockefeller

### AUGUST 21

9. The Louvre
10. Patsy Cline

### AUGUST 22

11. Henry Kissinger
12. Libya

### AUGUST 23

13. Fanny Farmer
14. The Bolshoi Ballet