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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 31

1. 1314. King Haakon of Norway moved the capital from Bergen to this city, which is still the capital today.
2. 1997. Britain's Princess Diana left the Ritz Hotel and died minutes later in a tragic car accident in this city.

## SEPTEMBER 1

3. 1939. German aggression began when Nazi forces invaded and soon conquered this European country, marking the start of WWII.
4. 1998. Federal law was enacted that required all new cars and light trucks sold in the United States have this safety device installed.

## SEPTEMBER 2

5. 1944. This future president's plane was hit by Japanese enemy fire. He escaped the burning plane by parachuting out into the Pacific Ocean.
6. 2013. This American swimmer finally made a successful swim from Cuba to Florida after many previous tries.

## SEPTEMBER 3

7. 1783. The Treaty of Paris, which ended the American Revolutionary War, was signed by John Jay, John Adams, and this other Founding Father.
8. 1951. This long-running soap opera premiered on CBS. It centered on a Midwestern housewife named Joanne Gardner (played for the entire 35-year run by Mary Stuart), and was set in the fictional town of Henderson.

## SEPTEMBER 4

9. 1972. This longest-running daytime game show in US television history premiered on CBS. (*Hint: It's still on the air 53 years later!*)
10. 1998. This internet search engine was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two students at Stanford University. Today, it is considered by many to be one of the world's most powerful brands of any kind

## SEPTEMBER 5

11. 1957. *On the Road*, the book that has been called "the defining work of the postwar Beat Generation," was published. Who wrote this chronicle of mid-century American youth?
12. 1972. Tragedy unfolded during the Summer Olympics in this city, when Palestinian terrorists took 11 members of the Israeli team hostage and murdered them the next day.

## SEPTEMBER 6

13. 1901. US President William McKinley was fatally shot by an American anarchist and died eight days later. Who succeeded McKinley?
14. 1995. This Baltimore Orioles shortstop played in his 2,131st consecutive game. In other words, he played in every game for 17 seasons without missing one game, breaking "Iron Horse" Lou Gehrig's previous record.

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## ANSWERS

### AUGUST 31

1. Oslo
2. Paris

### SEPTEMBER 1

3. Poland
4. Air bags. (The answer “seatbelts” is incorrect because the federal law mandating the installation of seatbelts was enacted 30 years earlier in 1968.)

### SEPTEMBER 2

5. George H. W. Bush
6. Diana Nyad, who was 64-year-old when she succeeded

### SEPTEMBER 3

7. Benjamin Franklin
8. *Search for Tomorrow*

### SEPTEMBER 4

9. *The Price is Right*. Bob Barker served as the show’s host for thirty-five years, from 1972 to 2007, at which time comedian Drew Carey took over.
10. Google

### SEPTEMBER 5

11. Jack Kerouac
12. Munich, West Germany

### SEPTEMBER 6

13. Theodore Roosevelt (who had been McKinley’s Vice President)
14. Cal Ripken, Jr.