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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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SEPTEMBER 7

1. 1936. This pioneering rock and roll star was born in Lubbock, Texas. He died just 22 years later in a plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa.
2. 1986. Four years before Nelson Mandela was released from prison, this religious leader became the first black man to lead the Anglican Church in South Africa.

SEPTEMBER 8

3. 1664. Peter Stuyvesant surrendered the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam to an English squadron, who gave the city this new name.
4. 1969. This futuristic television series, created by Gene Roddenberry, premiered on NBC.

SEPTEMBER 9

5. 1971. Prisoners in this New York state prison began a riot and prison take-over that lasted for four days. By the time it was over, at least 39 people were dead, including ten correction officers and civilian employees.
6. 2015. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning monarch in British history by surpassing this predecessor's record reign of 63 years and 216 days.

SEPTEMBER 10

7. 1955. This television western, one of the longest-running primetime series in TV history, premiered on CBS. It starred James Arness, who played the main character for the entire twenty-year run of the program.
8. 2000. After nearly 7,500 performances, this Andrew Lloyd Webber musical finally closed on Broadway. It was the longest-running show on Broadway until it was surpassed by Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* in 2006.

SEPTEMBER 11

9. 1789. President George Washington appointed this Founding Father as the first Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.
10. 2001. A series of coordinated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda terrorists took nearly 3,000 American lives and injured more than 6,000. Can you name the targets of the four hijacked planes?

SEPTEMBER 12

11. 1953. With 700 people attending the ceremony and 1,200 guests at the reception, Senator John Kennedy married Jackie in Newport, RI. What was her maiden name?
12. 1959. *Bonanza*, the first regularly scheduled TV program presented in color, premiered on NBC. What was the name of the Nevada ranch owned by the Cartwright family?

SEPTEMBER 13

13. 1993. Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with this chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization after signing the Oslo Accords granting limited Palestinian autonomy.
14. 2001. Secretary of State Colin Powell identified this Saudi Arabian as the prime suspect in the 9/11 terror attacks on the United States.

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ANSWERS

SEPTEMBER 7

1. Buddy Holly
2. Desmond Tutu

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3. New York
4. *Star Trek*

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5. Attica
6. Queen Victoria

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7. *Gunsmoke*
8. *Cats*

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9. Alexander Hamilton
10. Two planes hit the World Trade Center in New York City; one plane crashed into the Pentagon; and the fourth plane was diverted from its intended Washington DC target (most likely the Capitol or the White House) by a group of passengers and crashed into a field in rural Shanksville, PA.

SEPTEMBER 12

11. Bouvier
12. The Ponderosa

SEPTEMBER 13

13. Yasser Arafat
14. Osama bin Laden