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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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1. 1866. This future author of *The War of the Worlds* and *The Time Machine* was born in Bromley, Kent, England.
2. 1985. This future Hollywood heartthrob made his first appearance on the popular TV sitcom *The Facts of Life*. His early TV credits also included a recurring role on *Roseanne* and a starring role on *ER*, before he moved over to the big screen.

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3. 1888. The first issue of this monthly magazine was published; but it wasn't until February 1910 that the iconic yellow border was added to its front cover.
4. 1994. This television show debuted with its signature opening song line: "So no one told you life was going to be this way. Your job's a joke, you're broke, your love life's DOA ..."

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5. 1949. This future rock and roll icon known as "The Boss" was born in Long Branch, New Jersey.
6. 1952. Vice presidential candidate Richard Nixon gave his famous "Checkers" speech on national television to defend himself against allegations of improper use of campaign funds. Who or what was "Checkers"?

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7. 1968. This first newsmagazine television series debuted on CBS. Today, fifty-seven years later, it holds the record for the longest continuously running prime-time program of any genre on US television.
8. 2015. At least 1,100 people were killed and another 934 wounded in a stampede of people during the Haj (an Islamic pilgrimage) in this country.

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9. 1911. Ground was broken on this major league baseball park in Boston, MA.
10. 2018. This former stand-up comedian and film and television actor, who was once considered a trailblazer for African Americans in the entertainment industry, was sentenced to three to ten years in prison for aggravated sexual assault.

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11. 1888. This future writer and Nobel Prize in Literature winner (1948), whose best known works include "The Waste Land" and "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," was born in St. Louis, MO.
12. 1986. Bobby Ewing appeared in the season opener of the television series *Dallas* — even though that character had died a year earlier. How did the producers explain Bobby's miraculous return?

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13. 1961. The NBC medical drama *Dr. Kildare* premiered, starring these two actors as young Dr. Kildare and his mentor Dr. Gillespie.
14. 1964. The Warren Commission released its report and conclusions on this investigation.

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ANSWERS

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1. H. G. Welles
2. George Clooney

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3. *National Geographic Magazine*
4. *Friends*

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5. Bruce Springsteen
6. Checkers was the family's cocker spaniel dog.

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7. *60 Minutes*
8. Saudi Arabia. Every year, the Haj is held in the sacred city of Mecca.

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9. Fenway Park. Fenway is the oldest baseball park still in use.
10. Bill Cosby

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11. T. S. Eliot
12. His death was attributed to a bad dream had by his wife Pam.

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13. Dr. Kildare was played by Richard Chamberlain, and Dr. Gillespie was played by Raymond Massey
14. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy. According to the report, "Lee Harvey Oswald, hostile to his world and hungry for fame, assassinated President John F. Kennedy and shot his way to infamy without the help of any conspiracy." It is still a controversial conclusion.