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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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OCTOBER 5

1. 1989. This exiled religious and political leader of Tibet was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his nonviolent campaign to end the Chinese domination of Tibet.
2. 2011. This 56-year-old co-founder of Apple computer died of cancer.

OCTOBER 6

3. 1981. This President of Egypt was assassinated by Islamic extremists during a public celebration in Cairo – just three years after he won the Nobel Peace Prize for ending the conflict between Egypt and Israel.
4. 2018. This nominee for Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court was confirmed after a contentious confirmation process in which he was accused of sexual assault in high school.

OCTOBER 7

5. 2003. In a special election, California governor Gray Davis was recalled and this political outsider was elected.
6. 2023. Led by this Palestinian political/military organization, a series of coordinated attacks into Israel were launched, resulting in the deaths of roughly 1,200 people (mostly civilians) and the taking of more than 240 hostages. The attack initiated the Gaza war and the larger Middle East crisis that continues today.

OCTOBER 8

7. 1945. President Harry Truman announced that the United States would share the secret of the atomic bomb technology with only these two countries.
8. 2014. The first person in the US diagnosed with this highly contagious disease (which originated in sub-Saharan Africa), died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

OCTOBER 9

9. 1940. This future singer/songwriter and member of one of the most influential rock and roll bands of the 1960s and 1970s was born in Liverpool, England. Forty years later, he would be murdered in New York City.
10. 1974. German businessman Oskar Schindler, who is credited with this remarkable achievement during WWII, died penniless in a German hospital.

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11. 1973. This US vice president pleaded “no contest” to charges of tax evasion and then resigned from office.
12. 2004. This actor, probably best remembered for playing Superman, died at age 52 after spending nearly ten years as a quadriplegic as a result of a horseback riding accident that severed his spinal cord.

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13. 1991. This American lawyer testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas had behaved inappropriately toward her when she worked for him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
14. 2002. This former US President, whose post-presidential activities are considered exceptional by most observers, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to promote and expand human rights by conducting peace negotiations and monitoring elections.

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ANSWERS

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1. The Dalai Lama
2. Steve Jobs

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3. Anwar Sadat
4. Brett Kavanaugh

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5. Arnold Schwarzenegger
6. Hamas

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7. England and Canada
8. Ebola. The patient, who was visiting the US from Liberia, was one of 11 total cases that appeared in the US during the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak. Only one other patient died. Many credit effective travel bans, rapid response teams, airport screenings, mandatory quarantine, and extensive testing for keeping the outbreak from spreading wider.

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9. John Lennon
10. Oskar Schindler saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews by employing them in his factories. He is the subject of the 1993 film *Schindler's List*.

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11. Spiro Agnew
12. Christopher Reeve

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13. Anita Hill
14. Jimmy Carter. In addition to his international human rights work, Carter also worked to eradicate infectious disease around the world and was a key figure in the non-profit housing organization Habitat for Humanity.