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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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## NOVEMBER 2

1. 1959. This English professor and son of a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet confessed to a House of Representatives subcommittee that he had been given the correct answers in the TV game show *Twenty-One*.
2. 1960. A landmark obscenity case over the novel *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by this author ended in the acquittal of Penguin Books.

## NOVEMBER 3

3. 1948. A photo was taken of a gleeful Harry Truman holding up a copy of *The Chicago Tribune* with this now-famous post-election erroneous headline.
4. 1964. Almost one year after assuming the presidency upon the death of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson defeated this Republican to win his first presidential election.

## NOVEMBER 4

5. 1979. Three days after Ayatollah Khomeini urged all Iranians to expand their attacks against the US and Israel, college students loyal to Khomeini seized the US embassy in this city and took 63 hostages.
6. 2008. Barack Obama defeated this opponent to become the first African American US president.

## NOVEMBER 5

7. 1940. Franklin Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office, beating this challenger, an industrialist and lawyer from Indiana, who had never before run for public office.
8. 1968. Richard Nixon won the presidency, defeating this opponent who had served as vice president under Lyndon Johnson.

## NOVEMBER 6

9. 1947. This weekly news and public affairs program debuted on NBC television. It is the longest-running program (of any type) in American broadcast history.
10. 1962. The United Nations passed a resolution condemning this brutal South African system of racial segregation.

## NOVEMBER 7

11. 1991. This Los Angeles Lakers basketball star announced that he had tested positive for the AIDS virus and was retiring.
12. 2000. This former First Lady was elected to represent New York in the US senate, thus becoming the first (and so far the only) First Lady ever to win elected office.

## NOVEMBER 8

13. 1979. ABC launched a late-night show called *The Iran Crisis: America Held Hostage*. When the hostage crisis ended, this show became a permanent late-night news and public affairs program, hosted by this renowned broadcast journalist.
14. 1973. The right ear of this kidnapped 16-year-old American heir to an oil fortune was delivered to a Rome newspaper, together with a ransom note.

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## ANSWERS

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1. Charles van Doren
2. D. H. Lawrence

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3. “Dewey Defeats Truman”
4. Barry Goldwater

### NOVEMBER 4

5. Tehran
6. John McCain

### NOVEMBER 5

7. Wendell Willkie
8. Hubert H. Humphrey

### NOVEMBER 6

9. *Meet the Press*
10. Apartheid

### NOVEMBER 7

11. Earvin “Magic” Johnson
12. Hillary Clinton

### NOVEMBER 8

13. Ted Koppel. The show was renamed *Nightline*.
14. John Paul Getty III. After more than four months in captivity, Getty was released when his grandfather, oil tycoon J. Paul Getty – once the richest man in the world – paid \$2.2 million in ransom.