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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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NOVEMBER 9

1. 1906. President Theodore Roosevelt visited this country and the site where construction preparations were underway to build a canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.
2. 1989. Nearly 100,000 people from both sides of this city poured through openings in the wall that had separated them for nearly three decades.

NOVEMBER 10

3. 1903. Mary Anderson patented this automobile accessory, now considered a necessity in any car. She came up with the idea after watching a New York City trolley driver having trouble seeing during a snowstorm.
4. 1938. For the first time on network radio, Kate Smith sang this Irving Berlin song that became her trademark.

NOVEMBER 11

5. 1852. This author, who would later pen *Little Women*, had her first story published in *The Saturday Evening Gazette*.
6. 1921. Exactly three years after the end of WWI, the Tomb of the Unknowns was dedicated at this site in Virginia in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

NOVEMBER 12

7. 1954. This gateway to America shut its doors after processing more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892.
8. 1997. Ramzi Yousef, a Pakistani terrorist, was found guilty of masterminding the 1993 bombing of this New York City landmark, which would become a target again eight years later.

NOVEMBER 13

9. 1974. Karen Silkwood, a worker at an Oklahoma plutonium plant, died in a mysterious one-car crash. She was on her way to a meeting with a reporter to discuss the unsafe conditions at the Kerr-McGee Corporation plant. Who played Silkwood in the award-winning 1983 movie of the same name?
10. 2009. NASA announced that this had been discovered on the moon.

NOVEMBER 14

11. 1851. This classic novel by Herman Melville, which begins with the opening line "Call me Ishmael," was first published.
12. 1969. This momentous change occurred at Yale University — six years after it had happened at Harvard.

NOVEMBER 15

13. 1959. Four members of the Herbert Clutter family were murdered in their home in Holcomb, Kansas. The story of these murders was chronicled in a blockbuster "nonfiction novel" entitled *In Cold Blood*, written by this author.
14. 2006. This television network, which is headquartered in Qatar and broadcasts news and public affairs programming from a middle eastern perspective, launched its worldwide English-language network.

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ANSWERS

NOVEMBER 9

1. Panama
2. Berlin

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3. Windshield wipers.
4. "God Bless America"

NOVEMBER 11

5. Louisa May Alcott
6. Arlington Cemetery

NOVEMBER 12

7. Ellis Island
8. The World Trade Center. In 1993, a truck exploded in the garage of the World Trade Center. Six people died and more than 1,000 were injured.

NOVEMBER 13

9. Meryl Streep
10. Water (which was in the form of ice)

NOVEMBER 14

11. *Moby-Dick*
12. Yale began accepting women undergraduates.

NOVEMBER 15

13. Truman Capote
14. Al Jazeera