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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 23

1. 1963. The BBC broadcast the first episode of this TV series, the world's longest-running science fiction drama series.
2. Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of this enormously popular British rock band, announced he had contracted HIV-AIDS. He died the next day.

## NOVEMBER 24

3. 1859. *On The Origin of Species*, this naturalist's still-controversial book, was first published.
4. This small-time nightclub owner shot Lee Harvey Oswald in the basement of the Dallas police headquarters

## NOVEMBER 25

5. 1942. US Army Major General Leslie Groves and physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer chose Los Alamos, New Mexico as the site of Project Y, which ultimately resulted in the development of the first atomic bomb. The undertaking soon became known by this other name, which made reference to the location of its original headquarters.
6. 2002. President George W. Bush appointed Tom Ridge as the first Secretary of this new, post-9/11, federal department tasked with protecting the US from terrorist attacks.

## NOVEMBER 26

7. 1917. This sports league was founded with only four Canadian teams. The first American club, the Boston Bruins, was added in 1924.
8. 1998. Six months after the Good Friday Agreement, he became the first UK prime minister to address the parliament of the Republic of Ireland.

## NOVEMBER 27

9. 1926. The re-creation and restoration of this neglected colonial city began with funding from John D. Rockefeller and his wife.
10. 1978. Mayor George Moscone and City Supervisor Harvey Milk were shot to death inside this city's City Hall.

## NOVEMBER 28

11. 1582. Records in Stratford-upon-Avon show that William Shakespeare and this woman paid a £40 bond for their marriage license.
12. 1961. Gridiron football player Ernie Davis of Syracuse University became the first African American to win this prestigious college football prize.

## NOVEMBER 29

13. 2001. This member of the Beatles died of cancer at the age of 58.
14. 2017. Fans of NBC's *Today Show* were shocked when this host (since 1997) was fired after an allegation of sexual assault.

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## ANSWERS

### NOVEMBER 23

1. *Dr. Who*
2. Queen, whose song “Bohemian Rhapsody” was recently named the greatest rock song of all time by the UK’s Gold Radio. It also received the title of “Song of the Millenium in 2000.

### NOVEMBER 24

3. Charles Darwin
4. Jack Ruby. Oswald was being transferred to the county jail at the time. Photographer Robert H. Jackson, who took a photograph of the shooting, won the 1964 Pulitzer Prize in Photography.

### NOVEMBER 25

5. The Manhattan Project
6. The Department of Homeland Security

### NOVEMBER 26

7. The National Hockey League
8. Tony Blair

### NOVEMBER 27

9. Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia
10. San Francisco. (Note: A few days later, then 45-year-old Dianne Feinstein was sworn in as the city’s new mayor. She would emerge as one of California’s most prominent politicians.)

### NOVEMBER 28

11. Anne Hathaway
12. The Heisman Trophy

### NOVEMBER 29

13. George Harrison
14. Matt Lauer