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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 30

1. 1940. Twenty-eight-year-old Lucille Ball married this twenty-three-year-old actor.
2. 2004. This computer software engineer was finally defeated after winning more than \$2.5 million over 74 consecutive appearances on *Jeopardy!*

DECEMBER 1

3. 1953. The first edition of *Playboy* magazine was published, featuring this 27-year-old actress in the centerfold.
4. 1959. Twelve nations, including the United States and the Soviet Union, signed the international treaty that banned military activity and weapons testing on this continent.

DECEMBER 2

5. 1927. After nearly 20 years manufacturing the Model T, the Ford Motor Company unveiled this new model.
6. 1954. The US Senate voted to condemn this Wisconsin Republican for "conduct that brings the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

DECEMBER 3

7. 1947. This Tennessee Williams play debuted on Broadway, starring 23-year-old Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski.
8. 1960. The musical *Camelot*, which tells the story of the legend of this ancient English monarch, debuted on Broadway.

DECEMBER 4

9. 1848. In his annual message to Congress, US President James K. Polk confirmed the discovery of this resource in California, helping to spark the migration of an estimated 300,000 people to the territory.
10. 1976. This Republican senator from Virginia became the seventh husband of Elizabeth Taylor. The marriage lasted less than six years.

DECEMBER 5

11. 1945. Five Navy bombers went out on a routine training mission and never returned. The disappearance of these planes cemented the legend that a triangle-shaped area near this Caribbean Island is cursed as a place where aircraft and surface vessels disappear under mysterious circumstances.
12. 2013. This former activist and president of South Africa died at age 95.

DECEMBER 6

13. 1877. The first edition of this Washington, D.C. newspaper was published.
14. 1955. She gained national fame by winning *The \$64,000 Question* on the subject of boxing. With a Ph.D. from Columbia University, she would go on to become the best-known psychologist in the US, due largely to her advice column, frequent television appearances, and several published books.

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ANSWERS

NOVEMBER 30

1. Desi Arnaz
2. Ken Jennings

DECEMBER 1

3. Marilyn Monroe
4. Antarctica. The Antarctic Treaty ensured that the continent be preserved for scientific research.

DECEMBER 2

5. The Model A
6. Senator Joseph McCarthy

DECEMBER 3

7. *A Streetcar Named Desire*
8. King Arthur

DECEMBER 4

9. Gold
10. John Warner

DECEMBER 5

11. Bermuda (The Bermuda Triangle)
12. Nelson Mandela. "Our nation has lost its greatest son. Our people have lost a father," said South African President Jacob Zuma.

DECEMBER 6

13. *The Washington Post*
14. Dr. Joyce Brothers