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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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QUESTIONS

IT HAPPENED ON JULY 4

- 10 Pts On July 4, 1927, this popular playwright, who penned *The Odd Couple* and *The Goodbye Girl*, was born in the Bronx, NY.
- 20 Pts On July 4, 1803, Thomas Jefferson announced this territory acquisition, which included over 800,000 square miles of land and cost \$15 million.
- 30 Pts On July 4, 1939, this legendary athlete retired from baseball, claiming that he was “the luckiest man on the face of the earth.”
- 40 Pts On July 4, 1826, two of our country’s Founding Fathers both died – one in Virginia, the other in Massachusetts. Can you name them both?
- 50 Pts On July 4, 1845, this transcendentalist writer began his two-year experiment in living simply in the woods of Concord, Massachusetts.

RED, WHITE, OR BLUE

- 10 Pts This international humanitarian society is dedicated to relieving human suffering, especially in times of disaster.
- 20 Pts This infrequent lunar event has become a common term to mean any rare occurrence.
- 30 Pts What flavor, in hard candies and popsicles for example, is often colored blue?
- 40 Pts There are approximately four billion of these in the human body, including lymphocytes, monocytes, and granulocytes, and they are important in protecting the body against infectious disease and foreign entities.
- 50 Pts She was the first female photojournalist for *Life* magazine, covering the people and events of the 1930s and 1940s, from the Dust Bowl, to the liberation of Buchenwald, to the daily life of Mahatma Gandhi.

THE US FLAG

- 10 Pts How many stripes are on the US Flag?
- 20 Pts What is the preferred method for destroying a tattered flag?
- 30 Pts What happens to the flag that drapes the coffin at a military funeral?
- 40 Pts Can you name all three nicknames for the US flag?
- 50 Pts The Grand Union Flag is considered the nation’s first flag. It did have thirteen stripes, but no star field. What design did it have in that place? (*Hint: It helps to know that this flag was adopted in 1775, before the US was an independent nation.*)

WHOSE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN?

- 10 Pts (1864) For Union and Constitution.
- 20 Pts (1940) Better a third term than a third rater.
- 30 Pts (1928) A chicken in every pot. A car in every garage.
- 40 Pts (1964) In your heart you know he's right.
- 50 Pts (2008) Country first.

THE STATES

- 10 Pts This state's song is "Home on the Range," not "Over the Rainbow."
- 20 Pts This is the only state that begins with the letter A but does not end with the letter A.
- 30 Pts Most people know that Delaware and Rhode Island are the two smallest US states, but what state is in third place?
- 40 Pts This New England state is almost as large as the other five New England states combined.
- 50 Pts Name three of the four states that are officially called commonwealths.

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ANSWERS

IT HAPPENED ON JULY 4

- 10 Pts Neil Simon
- 20 Pts The Louisiana Purchase
- 30 Pts Lou Gehrig
- 40 Pts Thomas Jefferson (Virginia) and John Adams (Massachusetts)
- 50 Pts Henry David Thoreau

RED, WHITE, OR BLUE

- 10 Pts The International Red Cross (or Red Crescent) Societies
- 20 Pts Blue Moon
- 30 Pts Raspberry. This is done to help distinguish among strawberry, watermelon, cherry, and raspberry flavors.
- 40 Pts White blood cells
- 50 Pts Margaret Bourke-White

THE US FLAG

- 10 Pts Thirteen (one each for the original colonies)
- 20 Pts Burning
- 30 Pts It is folded and given to the next of kin.
- 40 Pts Old Glory, The Stars and Stripes, The Star-Spangled Banner
- 50 Pts The Union Jack (which was the flag of Great Britain)

WHOSE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN?

- 10 Pts Abraham Lincoln
- 20 Pts Franklin Roosevelt
- 30 Pts Herbert Hoover
- 40 Pts Barry Goldwater. (Humor note: Lyndon Johnson's response to that slogan was: "In your guts, you know he's nuts.")
- 50 Pts John McCain

THE STATES

- 10 Pts Kansas
- 20 Pts Arkansas
- 30 Pts Connecticut
- 40 Pts Maine
- 50 Pts Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia