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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

THE 1950'S

- 10 Pts He won the Emmy Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1954 and 1955 for his work on *The Jackie Gleason Show*.
- 20 Pts In 1957, the International Geophysical Year triggered an 18-month study of this continent by scientists from nearly 70 countries.
- 30 Pts On 1950's TV, what line came after, "Hey Kids, what time is it?"
- 40 Pts In 1951, Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn rode this dilapidated steamboat down the Ulanga River and into movie history.
- 50 Pts According to *The World Book Encyclopedia*, there were about 6 million of these in American homes in 1950, and nearly 60 million by 1960.

NAME THE BACKUP GROUPS

- 10 Pts Diana Ross & ...
- 20 Pts Gladys Knight & ...
- 30 Pts Les Brown & ...
- 40 Pts Sly & ...
- 50 Pts Frankie Valli & ...

BUILDINGS

- 10 Pts This nearly 2000-year-old building in Rome was used for public spectacles, including gladiatorial contests, executions, and dramas based on classical mythology.
- 20 Pts This is the Russian word for "fortified building." It's often used to refer to the most famous one in Moscow, or to the government that is based there.
- 30 Pts It makes sense that this building is depicted on the back of a US five dollar bill.
- 40 Pts The CN Tower is the tallest freestanding structure in the western hemisphere, a symbol of Canada, and an icon of this city's skyline.
- 50 Pts In this famous building, located in New York City's Harlem neighborhood, both Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan won amateur talent contests in the 1940's.

MICHAEL OR MIKE

- 10 Pts This Canadian-American actor founded an organization dedicated to Parkinson's Disease research nearly 25 years ago.
- 20 Pts Brother of Tito, Jermaine, LaToya, Janet, and five other siblings.
- 30 Pts He's an ordained Baptist minister, was governor of Arkansas from 1996 to 2007, ran for president in 2008, and lost over 110 lbs. in 2003.
- 40 Pts In the 1987 movie, Glenn Close had a *Fatal Attraction* for this actor.
- 50 Pts He was born and raised in Boston, but he served as Mayor of New York City from 2002 to the last day of December in 2013.

VEGGIE TYPES

- 10 Pts Boston and Romaine
- 20 Pts Red Bliss and Fingerling
- 30 Pts Napa and Savoy
- 40 Pts Bermuda and Pearl
- 50 Pts Banana and Bell

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ANSWERS

THE 1950S

- 10 Pts Art Carney
- 20 Pts Antarctica
- 30 Pts "It's Howdy Doody time!"
- 40 Pts *The African Queen*
- 50 Pts Television sets

NAME THE BACKUP GROUPS

- 10 Pts The Supremes
- 20 Pts The Pips
- 30 Pts His Band of Renown
- 40 Pts The Family Stone
- 50 Pts The Four Seasons

BUILDINGS

- 10 Pts The Colosseum
- 20 Pts Kremlin
- 30 Pts The Lincoln Memorial
- 40 Pts Toronto, Ontario
- 50 Pts The Apollo Theater

MICHAEL OR MIKE

- 10 Pts Michael J. Fox
- 20 Pts Michael Jackson
- 30 Pts Mike Huckabee
- 40 Pts Michael Douglas
- 50 Pts Michael Bloomberg

VEGGIE TYPES

- 10 Pts Lettuce
- 20 Pts Potato
- 30 Pts Cabbage
- 40 Pts Onion
- 50 Pts Pepper