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What's in the Middle? #1

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this installment of *What's in the Middle? (#1)*, players are given the first and last names of a famous person. The challenge is to fill in the missing middle name — the one that completes the name most people recognize.

Installment #2 flips the challenge: players are given the middle name and must supply the famous person's first and last names.

Try both versions and decide for yourselves which one is harder!

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 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 other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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Instructions: Can you come up with the middle name these famous folks are known by?

1. Joyce _____ Oates
2. George _____ Carver
3. Norman _____ Peale
4. Francis _____ Coppola
5. Robert _____ Warren
6. Neil _____ Tyson
7. Johann _____ Bach
8. Arthur _____ Doyle
9. John _____ Sousa
10. George _____ Shaw
11. Ralph _____ Emerson
12. Henry _____ Lodge
13. Henry _____ Thoreau
14. Neil _____ Harris
15. Jamie _____ Curtis
16. Daniel _____ -Lewis
17. James _____ Jones
18. Billy _____ Cyrus

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ANSWERS

1. Carol
2. Washington
3. Vincent
4. Ford
5. Penn
6. deGrasse
7. Sebastian
8. Conan
9. Phillip
10. Bernard
11. Waldo
12. Cabot
13. David
14. Patrick
15. Lee
16. Day
17. Earl
18. Ray