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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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## JANUARY 11

1. 1922. Leonard Thompson, a 14-year-old diabetic who lay dying in a Canadian hospital, was given the first injection of this drug.
2. 1972. One year after it gained independence, East Pakistan took this name, by which it is still known today. (Hint, it begins with the letter B.)

## JANUARY 12

3. 1966. This television show, starring Adam West in the title character, premiered. Its “campy” style and “POW” fight graphics made it an instant pop culture icon.
4. 2010. A massive earthquake leveled the capital city of this Caribbean island nation, one of the poorest countries on earth.

## JANUARY 13

5. 1864. In a charity ward in a New York hospital, America’s first professional songwriter died in poverty at the age of 37. Among his most famous songs were “Oh, Susanna,” “Camptown Races,” and “My Old Kentucky Home.”
6. 1941. This author of *Ulysses*, widely regarded as Ireland’s greatest writer, died in Zurich, Switzerland at the age of 58.

## JANUARY 14

7. 1954. A famous center fielder for the New York Yankees married an even more famous actress. Can you name the couple?
8. 1963. This politician was inaugurated as the governor of Alabama, promising his followers “Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!”

## JANUARY 15

9. 2001. This ninth most-visited website was launched. Today it is the world’s largest collaborative knowledge project, attracting 1.5 billion web visitors per month, looking for information about anything from aardvarks to Zimbabwe.
10. 2009. US Airways pilot Capt. Chesley Sullenberger made a miracle emergency landing on this river, after his plane flew into a flock of birds that disabled both engines.

## JANUARY 16

11. 1605. The first edition of *Don Quixote* by this author was published in Madrid, Spain. It is considered by most to be the first modern novel.
12. 1964. One of the most enduring plays on Broadway, this musical first premiered starring Carol Channing, who played a New York matchmaker.

## JANUARY 17

13. 1917. The United States paid \$25 million to Denmark for this group of Caribbean islands that includes St. John, St. Thomas, and St. Croix.
14. 2013. After years of speculation, this former cyclist confessed to using performance enhancing drugs in a TV interview with Oprah Winfrey.

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## ANSWERS

### JANUARY 11

1. Insulin
2. Bangladesh

### JANUARY 12

3. Batman
4. Haiti. An estimated 300,000 people were killed and most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, was destroyed.

### JANUARY 13

5. Stephen Foster
6. James Joyce

### JANUARY 14

7. Joe DiMaggio and Marilyn Monroe were married at San Francisco City Hall. 274 days later, she filed for divorce.
8. George Wallace. Wallace's inauguration speech was written by then Ku Klux Klan leader Asa Carter.

### JANUARY 15

9. Wikipedia
10. The Hudson River

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11. Miguel de Cervantes
12. *Hello, Dolly!*

### JANUARY 17

13. The Virgin Islands.
14. Lance Armstrong