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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 25

1. 1949. David Ben-Gurion was elected as the first prime minister of this less-than one-year-old country.
2. 2017. Actress Mary Tyler Moore died at age 80 of cardiopulmonary arrest complicated by pneumonia. Can you name the two much-beloved characters she played on television in the 1960s and 1970s?

## JANUARY 26

3. 1950. After a decades-long struggle of passive resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi, millions of people were finally free of British colonial rule. Unable to come to agreement between Hindus and Muslims, however, their land was divided into these two independent countries.
4. 1962. This song by Chubby Checker finally ended its record-setting #1 position on the pop record charts. The dance craze it inspired, however, went on.

## JANUARY 27

5. 1945. Soviet troops entered this largest-of-all Nazi concentration camp in Poland, freeing the survivors and revealing to the world the depths of the horrors perpetrated there.
6. 2010. This reclusive author of *The Catcher in the Rye* died in his Cornish, NH home at age 91.

## JANUARY 28

7. 1813. Still a bestseller more than 200 years later, this author's novel *Pride and Prejudice* was first published in the United Kingdom.
8. 1916. He became the first Jewish Justice appointed to the United States Supreme Court.

## JANUARY 29

9. 1936. The first five players were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, which is located in this New York village.
10. 2002. President George W. Bush warned of an "Axis of Evil" that included three countries. Can you name two of them?

## JANUARY 30

11. 1975. A Hungarian sculptor and architect filed a patent for this "twisty" cube-shaped toy/puzzle with six colors. It became one of the bestselling puzzles in the world.
12. 2020. The World Health Organization declared this infectious disease to be a "public health emergency of international concern."

## JANUARY 31

13. 1865. Almost three months before the official end of the Civil War, the House of Representatives passed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment that made this illegal in the United States.
14. 1961. The American film drama *The Misfits*, directed by John Huston, had its world premiere. It is perhaps best remembered as the final movie of these two mega stars.

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## ANSWERS

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1. Israel
2. Moore played Laura Petrie on *The Dick Van Dyke Show* in the 1960s and Mary Richards on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* in the 1970s.

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3. India and Pakistan
4. "The Twist"

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5. Auschwitz
6. J. D. Salinger

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7. Jane Austen
8. Louis D. Brandeis

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9. Cooperstown, NY. The first five inductees were Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson.
10. North Korea, Iraq, and Iran

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11. Rubik's Cube
12. COVID

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13. Slavery
14. Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable