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This Week in History

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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FEBRUARY 1

1. 1960. Four black college students began a sit-in protest at a business lunch counter where they'd been refused service. What was the location of the lunch counter?
2. 1979. Two weeks after the Shah of Iran was deposed, this spiritual leader returned to Iran after fifteen years in exile to lead the new fundamentalist Islamic government.

FEBRUARY 2

3. 1887. This holiday was first observed in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania ... and it still is.
4. 1901. After a 63-year reign and a brief illness, 81-year-old British Queen Victoria was laid to rest. What was the name of her beloved husband, who had died in 1861?

FEBRUARY 3

5. 1913. Congress ratified the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, which made permanent this method for the federal government to collect revenue.
6. 1959. The day the music died. Three of the biggest rock 'n roll stars of their time died in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa. Can you name one of them?

FEBRUARY 4

7. 1826. *The Last of the Mohicans*, by this author, was published.
8. 1983. Karen Carpenter, a drummer and singer who performed with her brother Richard, died at age 32, bringing much needed awareness to this medical condition.

FEBRUARY 5

9. 1907. Belgian chemist Leo Baekeland announced the creation of Bakelite, the world's first synthetic material of this type.
10. 2003. This US Secretary of State urged the United Nations Security Council to move against Iraq, saying that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and was harboring terrorists. Those claims later turned out to be false.

FEBRUARY 6

11. 1820. The first 86 African American immigrants sponsored by the American Colonization Society departed New York to start a settlement in this African country.
12. 1937. *Of Mice and Men*, the story of the bond between two migrant workers, was first published. Who wrote this classic American novel?

FEBRUARY 7

13. 1940. This film, considered one of Disney's best, about a puppet who became a real boy, had its world premiere.
14. 1991. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the first democratically elected leader of this poorest country in the western hemisphere, was sworn in.

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ANSWERS

FEBRUARY 1

1. North Carolina. To be specific, it was inside an F. W. Woolworth's store in Greensboro, North Carolina.
2. Ayatollah Khomeini

FEBRUARY 2

3. Groundhog Day
4. Prince Albert. Queen Victoria was so devastated by Albert's death (at age 42), that she wore black every day for the remainder of her life.

FEBRUARY 3

5. Income taxes
6. Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson

FEBRUARY 4

7. James Fenimore Cooper
8. Anorexia. Carpenter had been struggling with the eating disorder since high school.

FEBRUARY 5

9. Plastic
10. Colin Powell

FEBRUARY 6

11. Liberia
12. John Steinbeck

FEBRUARY 7

13. *Pinocchio*
14. Haiti