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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 8

1. 1587. This Scottish queen was executed after being accused of plotting against Queen Elizabeth I.
2. 1960. This plastic building toy, popular around the world, was first patented in Denmark.

FEBRUARY 9

3. 1960. At the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Hollywood Walk of Fame, this star of *The Three Faces of Eve* and *The Long, Hot Summer* was the first person to be honored with a star on the now-famous walk.
4. 1964. This rock 'n roll group made their first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*, which was watched by approximately 74 million viewers – over 40% of the US population.

FEBRUARY 10

5. 1966. This young lawyer (and future presidential candidate) testified before Congress about the unsafe practices of the US auto industry. His advocacy helped lead to the passage of seat belt laws and auto safety standards.
6. 2021. The traditional Carnival, which began in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1723, was cancelled for the first time ever because of this worldwide crisis.

FEBRUARY 11

7. 1975. This conservative British politician was elected leader of the Conservative Party, replacing Edward Heath. She became Europe's first woman prime minister four years later.
8. 2012. This 48-year-old pop superstar and star of the blockbuster movie *The Bodyguard* was found dead in the bathtub of her hotel suite in Beverly Hills, California. Among her Grammy-winning recordings are "The Greatest Love of All" and "I Will Always Love You."

FEBRUARY 12

9. 1994. Four thieves broke into the National Gallery of Norway in Oslo and stole this iconic painting by Edvard Munch.
10. 1999. The impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton, presided by this Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, ended with an acquittal.

FEBRUARY 13

11. 1633. The Vatican forced this Italian astronomer, on trial before the Inquisition, to apologize for his claim that the sun was the center of the universe and that the earth revolved around it.
12. 1945. This historic German city was firebombed into near oblivion in a controversial Allied attack that killed somewhere between 35,000 and 135,000 people.

FEBRUARY 14

13. 1949. The Knesset (Ka•NESS•et), the parliament of this new nation, convened for the first time.
14. 2018. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting occurred in this state. It was one of the deadliest US school massacres, resulting in 17 fatalities and 17 injuries.

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ANSWERS

FEBRUARY 8

1. Mary, Queen of Scots
2. Lego

FEBRUARY 9

3. Joanne Woodward
4. The Beatles

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5. Ralph Nader
6. The COVID-19 pandemic

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7. Margaret Thatcher
8. Whitney Houston

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9. *The Scream*. The thieves left a note reading, "Thanks for the poor security." The painting was recovered undamaged three months later, and the four men were ultimately convicted of the crime.
10. William Rehnquist

FEBRUARY 13

11. Galileo
12. Dresden

FEBRUARY 14

13. Israel
14. Florida. Following the shooting, the students of the Parkland, Florida school organized to protest gun violence and to fight for sensible gun laws. The group, which is called March for Our Lives, is still actively fighting for gun safety.