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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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## FEBRUARY 22

1. 1980. In a stunning upset, the United States Olympic hockey team defeated this opponent at Lake Placid, NY in a game now known as “The Miracle on Ice.”
2. 1997. Near Edinburgh, Scotland, British scientists announced that an adult sheep had been successfully cloned. What name did they give that sheep?

## FEBRUARY 23

3. 1836. A pivotal thirteen-day battle in the war between Mexico and the settlers of Texas began with the siege of this former mission in San Antonio, Texas.
4. 1954. This physician led the first test of his newly developed polio vaccine in Pittsburgh, PA. It was the most elaborate mass inoculation in history, involving 20,000 public health officers and more than 1.8 million school children across the country.

## FEBRUARY 24

5. 1981. Schoolteacher Jean Harris was convicted of murdering Dr. Herman Tarnower. What was Dr. Tarnower’s claim to fame?
6. 2020. This American film producer was convicted in a New York courtroom of rape and a criminal sex act. More than 80 women had made allegations against him, which sparked the creation of the #MeToo Movement.

## FEBRUARY 25

7. 1950. *Your Show of Shows*, a Saturday night sketch comedy television show starring this comic actor, began its four-year run on NBC. For extra kudos, what comic actress played opposite him?
8. 1983. This author of *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *The Glass Menagerie* was found dead in a New York hotel.

## FEBRUARY 26

9. 1909. President Theodore Roosevelt set aside more than 800,000 acres of land in Arizona as a national monument. Ten years later it was dedicated as this national park.
10. 2012. This unarmed African American teen was shot and killed in Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood-watch volunteer who later successfully argued that he was acting in self-defense.

## FEBRUARY 27

11. 1973. Two hundred members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupied this small village in South Dakota to protest a long history of mistreatment and broken promises by the US government. This action started a 71-day stand-off with federal officers, and left two Native Americans dead and one federal official paralyzed.
12. 1974. The first issue of this magazine, which is ubiquitous in doctors’ offices, hairdressers, and airports, went on sale. Mia Farrow, then starring in *The Great Gatsby*, graced the cover.

## FEBRUARY 28

13. 1953. Two scientists, Francis Crick of Great Britain and American biologist James Watson, discovered the chemical structure of this all-important molecule.
14. 2013. This pope became the first to resign since 1415 — nearly 600 years!

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## ANSWERS

### FEBRUARY 22

1. The USSR hockey team. After defeating the Soviet Union, the US hockey team went on to beat Finland and win the Gold Medal.
2. Dolly

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3. The Alamo
4. Dr. Jonas Salk

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5. Tarnower was author of *The Scarsdale Diet*, a very popular diet book at the time of his death.
6. Harvey Weinstein, who is serving a 23-year sentence near Buffalo, New York

### FEBRUARY 25

7. Sid Caesar was the star of *Your Show of Shows*, and Imogene Coca played opposite him.
8. Tennessee Williams. Williams choked to death at age 71.

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9. Grand Canyon National Park
10. Trayvon Martin

### FEBRUARY 27

11. Wounded Knee
12. *People*

### FEBRUARY 28

13. DNA
14. Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger). The Pontiff stated that at age 85, he no longer had the strength of mind and body necessary to fulfill the demands of the papacy. He died nine years later.