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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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## MARCH 1

1. 1932. The twenty-month-old son of aviator Charles Lindbergh was kidnapped from his home in this US state.
2. 1962. The failing retail chain S. S. Kresge changed its name to this – and became one of the largest US discount chain stores in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## MARCH 2

3. 1946. Communist leader Ho Chi Minh was elected president of this country.
4. 1965. This film adaptation of a Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, based on the life of the von Trapp family of Austria, premiered.

## MARCH 3

5. 1938. The world was forever changed when oil was discovered in this country, then made up mostly of nomadic peasants and subsistence merchants.
6. 1991. An amateur video caught six Los Angeles policemen beating this person suspected of drunk driving. This incident and the subsequent trial of the police officers were covered by news media around the world and sparked a public furor.

## MARCH 4

7. 1933. Francis Perkins, nominated to head the US Department of Labor by this president, became the first woman to serve in the US Cabinet.
8. 1791. Less than a year after the last of the 13 original colonies joined together to make up the United States of America, this New England state became number 14.

## MARCH 5

9. 1963. Arthur “Spud” Melin, founder of the Wham-O toy company, patented this plastic toy. Named after a Hawaiian dance, it became one of the best selling toys of all time.
10. 1963. This American country singer, known for such ballads as “I Fall to Pieces” and “Crazy,” died at age 30 in an airplane crash in Camden, Tennessee.

## MARCH 6

11. 1964. This American boxer took the name Muhammad Ali, which was given to him by his spiritual mentor, Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam.
12. 2018. *Forbes* named this founder of Amazon.com as the world’s richest person for the first time. His net worth at the time was \$112 billion.

## MARCH 7

13. 1955. A live performance of the hit Broadway musical *Peter Pan* was first televised, starring this actress, a legendary Broadway star.
14. 1965. State troopers in Alabama used nightsticks and tear gas to attack peaceful protestors as they crossed this now infamous bridge in Selma on their way to the capital, Montgomery. Among them was future US Representative John Lewis.

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## ANSWERS

### MARCH 1

1. New Jersey. The child's body would not be found for almost two months.
2. Kmart

### MARCH 2

3. Vietnam
4. *The Sound of Music*, which won the 1965 Academy Award for Best Picture

### MARCH 3

5. Saudi Arabia
6. Rodney King

### MARCH 4

7. Franklin D. Roosevelt
8. Vermont

### MARCH 5

9. The Hula Hoop
10. Patsy Cline

### MARCH 6

11. Cassius Clay
12. Jeff Bezos. Today, his net worth is estimated at \$223 billion, which makes him the fifth-richest person in the world. Elon Musk is the richest man in the world, with a net worth of roughly \$852 billion.

### MARCH 7

13. Mary Martin
14. The Edmund Pettus Bridge. Known as "Bloody Sunday," this event became a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement.