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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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MARCH 15

1. 1956. This musical, based on George Bernard Shaw's 1912 play *Pygmalion*, premiered on Broadway, starring Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza Doolittle.
2. 2019. Led by this Swedish teenager, strikes and school walkouts were held by children around the world to bring attention to the dangers of global climate change.

MARCH 16

3. 1988. Lt. Colonel Oliver North and Vice Admiral John Poindexter were indicted on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States in relation to this Reagan administration scandal.
4. 1994. This Olympic skating hopeful pled guilty to hindering the investigation of a felony attack on skating rival Nancy Kerrigan.

MARCH 17

5. 461. This Catholic bishop died in Ireland after 40 years of converting the Irish to Christianity and building churches throughout the land. He would later be honored as the patron saint of Ireland.
6. 1969. This first female Prime Minister of Israel was sworn into office.

MARCH 18

7. 1895. Two hundred African Americans left Savannah, Georgia to settle this African country.
8. 1990. In the largest art theft in US history, 12 paintings collectively worth roughly \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in this city.

MARCH 19

9. 1987. PTL (Praise the Lord) leader Jim Bakker resigned after a scandal involving money and an affair with Jessica Hahn. What televangelist succeeded Jim Bakker as head of PTL?
10. 1995. This basketball superstar returned to the Chicago Bulls after a lackluster stint as a baseball player.

MARCH 20

11. 1852. This influential book by Harriet Beecher Stowe was published. Ten years later, President Lincoln met Ms. Stowe and reportedly said, "So this is the little lady who made this big war."
12. 1987. AZT became the first drug to be approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of this epidemic disease.

MARCH 21

13. 1685. This composer of orchestral music such as *The Brandenburg Concertos*, keyboard works such as *The Well-Tempered Clavier*, and popular compositions such as "Air on a G String" and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" was born in Germany.
14. 1935. This country's name was changed to Iran, which means "Land of the Aryans."

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ANSWERS

MARCH 15

1. *My Fair Lady*
2. Greta Thunberg

MARCH 16

3. The Iran-Contra Affair, in which senior administration officials illegally sold weapons to Iran and planned to use the proceeds to illegally fund the Contras (right-wing rebel groups) in Nicaragua
4. Tonya Harding

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5. Saint Patrick
6. Golda Meir

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7. Liberia
8. Boston

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9. Jerry Falwell
10. Michael Jordan

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11. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
12. AIDS

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13. Johan Sebastian Bach, who is generally considered the greatest composer of all time
14. Persia