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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 22

1. 1894. The first championship series for this highest award in hockey was played in Montreal, Canada.
2. 1948. This composer of musical theater hits, including *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Evita*, was born in the Kensington section of London.

MARCH 23

3. 1983. President Ronald Reagan proposed the Strategic Defense Initiative – the development of weapons in space that would intercept enemy nuclear missiles. By what nickname was this proposal better known?
4. 1998. This film by director James Cameron and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet won 11 Academy Awards, tying the record set by *Ben-Hur* in 1959.

MARCH 24

5. 1958. The US Army made worldwide news when it drafted this rock ‘n roll teen idol.
6. 1980. *Nightline*, which started as a nightly program following one story — the American Hostages in Iran — became a permanent late night news program on ABC with this newsman as anchor.

MARCH 25

7. 1957. US Customs agents seized copies of the Beat Generation poem “Howl” on obscenity grounds. Which “beat poet” wrote “Howl”?
8. 1965. Civil rights activists, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., completed their 4-day, 50-mile march from Selma to this Alabama capital.

MARCH 26

9. 1953. Dr. Jonas Salk announced a new vaccine to prevent this disease.
10. 1979. These three world leaders signed the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty in Washington, DC.

MARCH 27

11. 1513. This Spanish explorer sighted Florida ... but he didn’t find the Fountain of Youth he was looking for.
12. 2002. This comedian, who was known as “Mr. Television” in the early days of TV in the United States, died at the age of 93.

MARCH 28

13. 1979. A core meltdown occurred at this US nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania.
14. 1969. This former US president died of heart failure. Five days later he, was buried on the grounds of his presidential library in Abilene, Kansas.

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ANSWERS

MARCH 23

1. The Stanley Cup
2. Andrew Lloyd Webber

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3. The Star Wars defense
4. *Titanic*

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5. Elvis Presley
6. Ted Koppel

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7. Allen Ginsberg
8. Montgomery

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9. Polio
10. The peace treaty that resulted from the historic Camp David Accords was signed by Menachem Begin for Israel and Anwar Sadat for Egypt, and was witnessed by US President Jimmy Carter. Begin and Sadat shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize for this extraordinary achievement.

MARCH 27

11. Ponce De Leon
12. Milton Berle

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13. Three Mile Island
14. Dwight D. Eisenhower