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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 29

1. 1951. This couple was found guilty of passing secrets about the development of the atomic bomb to the Soviets.
2. 1951. *The King and I*, written and composed by this iconic musical theater team, debuted on Broadway.

## MARCH 30

3. 1981. After a speaking engagement at the Washington Hilton, President Reagan was shot and wounded by this would-be assassin.
4. 2023. Donald Trump became the first ex-president to be indicted by a grand jury. He was charged with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records to conceal payments made to this porno film actress.

## MARCH 31

5. 1951. Univac, the first commercially built and sold computer, was delivered to this government agency responsible for collecting and producing data about the American people and economy.
6. 1968. President Lyndon Johnson made this surprising announcement on national television.

## APRIL 1

7. 1984. This American entertainer, who recorded hits such as "I Heard it Through the Grapevine," "What's Going On?", and "Let's Get It On" was shot and killed by his mentally disturbed father.
8. 2004. Gmail, the email service developed by this tech company, was first introduced. Today, it is by far the largest email service provider in the world with almost 1.5 billion users.

## APRIL 2

9. 1982. The Falklands War began when this country invaded the British-held Falkland Islands.
10. 2025. President Donald Trump dubs this as Liberation Day. What did that nickname refer to?

## APRIL 3

11. 1948. President Truman signed a plan, named after this Secretary of State, that allocated more than \$5 billion in aid for 16 war-ravaged European countries.
12. Theodore Kaczynski, better known as The Unabomber, was arrested in a small one-room shack in the woods of this state.

## APRIL 4

13. 1968. At the age of 39, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot to death outside of a motel in this city.
14. 2013. This Chicago journalist, the first ever to win the Pulitzer Prize for film criticism, died of cancer at age 70.

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## ANSWERS

### MARCH 29

1. Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed nearly three months later.
2. Rodgers and Hammerstein. *The King and I* became a classic musical, made a star of Russian-born actor Yul Brynner, and was adapted into a popular film in 1956.

### MARCH 30

3. John Hinckley, Jr., who said he was trying to impress actress Jodie Foster.
4. Stormy Daniels.

### MARCH 31

5. The US Census Bureau
6. Johnson announced that he would not seek a second term as President.

### APRIL 1

7. Marvin Gaye
8. Google

### APRIL 2

9. Argentina
10. Liberation day is the day that President Trump announced sweeping worldwide tariffs in an effort to “liberate” the United States from perceived unfair trade practices. Nealy a year later, the US Supreme Court found the tariffs unconstitutional and are forcing the government to return the revenue collected.

### APRIL 3

11. Secretary of State George Marshall (The Marshall Plan)
12. Montana

### APRIL 4

13. Memphis, Tennessee
14. Roger Ebert