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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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APRIL 5

1. 1974. This first novel by Stephen King was published. It focused on a friendless, often bullied, high school girl who uses her telekinetic powers to take revenge on her classmates.
2. 1987. This new television network made its primetime debut with the shows *Married ... With Children* and *The Tracey Ullman Show*.

APRIL 6

3. 1453. The city of Constantinople was captured by the Ottoman Empire, marking the end of the ancient Roman Empire. What new name was given to Constantinople, which is still in use today?
4. 1896. Fifteen-hundred years after the original games were banned, the first modern Olympics, with athletes (male only) from 14 countries competing in 43 events, took place in this city.

APRIL 7

5. 1953. Dag Hammarskjold (DAHG HAH•mer•shold) was elected to lead this international organization, replacing Trygve Lie (TRIG•va LEE). Eight years later Hammarskjold would die in a plane crash while still in office.
6. 2022. Nominated by President Joe Biden, this federal judge was confirmed to become the first black female justice on the US Supreme Court.

APRIL 8

7. 1920. This ancient statue, commonly thought to represent Aphrodite, was found in pieces on the Aegean island of Melos. It was later reconstructed and put on display in the Louvre Museum in Paris, although both arms are missing.
8. 1992. This legendary tennis player announced that he had AIDS.

APRIL 9

9. 1784. The Treaty of Paris, which had been ratified by the US Congress three months earlier, was ratified by King George III, ending this eight-year war.
10. 1963. Eighteen years after the end of WWII, President John F. Kennedy gave this former Prime Minister of Great Britain honorary US citizenship – the first such honor bestowed on a person by a US president and congress.

APRIL 10

11. 1912. The *Titanic* set off on its ill-fated maiden voyage from Southampton, England to this destination, which, of course, it never reached.
12. 1921. This future first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers, who later became famous playing the starring role in 1960's TV show, *The Rifleman*, was born in Brooklyn.

APRIL 11

13. 1899. At the end of the Spanish-American War, Spain ceded this Caribbean Island to the United States.
14. 1968. This US president signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, prohibiting discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing.

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1. *Carrie*
2. Fox

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3. Istanbul
4. Athens, Greece

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5. The United Nations
6. Ketanji Brown Jackson

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7. Venus de Milo
8. Arthur Ashe, who acquired the AIDS virus from blood transfusions during one of his two heart surgeries.

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9. The American Revolution
10. Sir Winston Churchill

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11. New York City.
12. Chuck Connors

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13. Puerto Rico
14. Lyndon Johnson