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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 12

1. 1861. The Civil War began when Confederate forces fired on this South Carolina fort.
2. 1945. The nation mourned the passing of Franklin Roosevelt. What was the cause of his death?

APRIL 13

3. 1964. For his performance in *Lilies of the Field* (1963), this actor became the first African American to win the Academy Award for best actor.
4. 1976. As part of the US Bicentennial celebration, the US Treasury Department reintroduced the two-dollar with this president on the front side and a painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the reverse.

APRIL 14

5. 1865. John Wilkes Booth shot President Abraham Lincoln while he was watching a play at this Washington, DC theatre.
6. 2022. This country attacked and sank the Russian warship *Moskva*, the flagship of the Russian Navy's Black Sea Fleet.

APRIL 15

7. 1947. Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball when he debuted with this major league baseball team.
8. 2019. The world watched in horror as this 250-year-old cathedral was engulfed in flames.

APRIL 16

9. 1964. This rock band, formed by Brian Jones, Keith Richards, and Mick Jagger, released its first album in the UK.
10. 2018. The *New York Times* and the *New Yorker* won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for breaking news of this Hollywood mogul's sexual abuse scandal.

APRIL 17

11. 1907. Nearly 12,000 immigrants were processed at this US immigration center – more than any other single day in history.
12. 1961. The Bay of Pigs invasion began. It was a CIA financed effort to topple this communist government.

APRIL 18

13. 1775. Paul Revere rode twelve miles from Boston to this Massachusetts town to warn the colonists that the British were advancing up the Charles River to destroy American militia supplies.
14. The southern African country of Rhodesia achieved its independence from the United Kingdom and took on this ancient name, which made it that alphabetically last country in the world.

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ANSWERS

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1. Fort Sumter
2. Cerebral Hemorrhage (stroke)

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3. Sidney Poitier
4. Thomas Jefferson

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5. Ford's Theater
6. Ukraine, which attacked the *Moskva* in response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

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7. Brooklyn Dodgers
8. Notre Dame in Paris

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9. The Rolling Stones
10. Harvey Weinstein

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11. Ellis Island
12. The Cuban government of Fidel Castro

APRIL 18

13. Lexington, MA (Note: The American Revolutionary War began the next day with the Battle of Concord.)
14. Zimbabwe