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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 19

1. 1993. A 51-day siege at the Branch Davidian compound near this Texas city ended when the building was set on fire by the people hiding inside.
2. 1995. On one of the saddest days in US history and in one of the worst acts of domestic terrorism, 168 people died when a truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah building in this city.

APRIL 20

3. 1902. The extremely radioactive element called radium was discovered by this Nobel Prize-winning married couple.
4. Former police officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of all charges in the high-profile murder of George Floyd in this city.

APRIL 21

5. 753 BC. According to legend, these twin brothers founded the city of Rome.
6. 1960. The capital of Brazil was switched to the more centrally located Brasilia from its previous home in this coastal city.

APRIL 22

7. 1976. She became the first female nightly news anchor in the United States.
8. 2016. President Obama signed the Paris Agreement, largely negotiated by this Secretary of State, to help fight global climate change.

APRIL 23

9. 2005. The very first video, eighteen seconds long and entitled *Me at the Zoo*, was posted on this new website by user "jawed."
10. 2007. This first president of Russia (1991 to 1999) died of congestive heart failure. Two days later, he became the first Russian head of state in 113 years (since the death of Emperor Alexander III) to be buried in a church ceremony.

APRIL 24

11. 1980. Six US servicemen died in a failed attempt to free 53 Americans held in which country?
12. 2005. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was inaugurated at the 265th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, taking this name.

APRIL 25

13. 1859. Construction began on this canal that connected the Mediterranean and Red Seas. It enabled shippers to sail between Europe and Asia without having to navigate around Africa.
14. 1908. This future war correspondent and pioneering broadcast journalist, who was instrumental in the censure of Senator Joseph McCarthy in the 1940s, was born in North Carolina.

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ANSWERS

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1. Waco
2. Oklahoma City. Nineteen children under the age of six died in the Oklahoma City bombing.

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3. Pierre and Marie Curie
4. Minneapolis

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5. Romulus and Remus
6. Rio de Janeiro

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7. Barbara Walters
8. John Kerry. In 2017, less than five months into his administration, President Trump announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement. Four years later, President Biden requested readmittance to the Paris Agreement on the first day of his presidency. The US was reinstated as a partner one month later. But once again, in his second term as president, Trump withdrew the US from the Agreement in 2026.

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9. YouTube. Jawed Karim is a cofounder of YouTube.
10. Boris Yeltsin

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11. Iran
12. Pope Benedict XVI

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13. The Suez Canal
14. Edward R. Murrow