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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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MAY 3

1. 1937. Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for fiction for this book, the only novel she ever wrote.
2. 1973. The 108-story Sears Tower in this city opened, topping the Empire State Building in New York as the world's tallest building.

MAY 4

3. 1970. National Guardsmen in this state opened fire on anti-war protesters at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.
4. 1989. This former Marine Lieutenant Colonel, who served in the Reagan administration as a National Security Council staffer, was convicted of three crimes and acquitted of nine other charges related to the Iran-Contra affair.

MAY 5

5. 1904. This Boston Red Sox pitcher threw the first perfect game (no hits, no walks, no men on base) of the modern era in baseball. His name was attached to an annual best-pitcher award fifty years later.
6. 1961. 45 million Americans watched this astronaut become America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute flight aboard Freedom 7, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

MAY 6

7. 1937. This hydrogen-powered airship caught on fire and crashed to the ground in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 of the 97 people on board.
8. 1940. This author was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his novel *The Grapes of Wrath*.

MAY 7

9. 1977. This fabled horse, named after a city in the Pacific Northwest, won the Kentucky Derby. In the following weeks, he went on to win the Preakness and Belmont Stakes, achieving racing's coveted Triple Crown.
10. 1986. A Canadian mountaineer became the first person to climb "The Seven Summits," which are the tallest mountains on each continent. What is the tallest mountain in North America?

MAY 8

11. 1952. This irreverent humor magazine debuted; however, its mascot, Alfred E. Neuman, didn't appear on the cover until two years later.
12. 1970. This rock band released their twelfth and final album, *Let It Be*.

MAY 9

13. 1950. L. Ron Hubbard published *Dianetics*, a set of ideas and practices for followers of this religion/philosophy.
14. 1960. The US Food and Drug Administration approved use of a drug called Envoid for this purpose — but only for married women.

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ANSWERS

MAY 3

1. *Gone with the Wind*
2. Chicago. The Sears Tower, now known as Willis Tower, held the world's tallest building title until 1998, when the Petronas Tower opened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Since 2010, the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, United Arab Emirates has been the tallest building in the world.

MAY 4

3. Ohio
4. Oliver North. His convictions were later overturned on appeal.

MAY 5

5. Cy Young
6. Captain Alan B. Shepard

MAY 6

7. The *Hindenburg*
8. John Steinbeck

MAY 7

9. Seattle Slew. Since Seattle Slew won the Triple Crown in 1977, only three other horses have achieved that feat: Affirmed (1978), American Pharoah (2015), and Justify (2018).
10. Denali, also known as Mt. McKinley, in Alaska

MAY 8

11. *Mad Magazine*
12. The Beatles

MAY 9

13. Scientology
14. Birth control. Birth control pills weren't legally available to all women, married or not, until 1972.