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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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## QUESTIONS

### May 17

1. 1875. Aristides, an American thoroughbred racing horse, won the first Kentucky Derby at this brand new racetrack in Louisville.
2. 1900. L. Frank Baum published this children's novel, which was destined to become one of the best selling children's books of all time.

### May 18

3. 1652. The first law abolishing this practice in the English-speaking colonies was passed in Rhode Island.
4. 1980. At 8:32AM, this Washington state volcano blew its top in a catastrophic eruption that took 57 lives and destroyed 250 homes, 47 bridges, 15 miles of railways, and 185 miles of highways.

### May 19

5. 1962. Marilyn Monroe, wearing a dress so tight that she had to be sewn into it, sang a very sexy version of this song for then President John F. Kennedy.
6. 2018. The wedding of this couple, held at St. George's Chapel in Windsor, England, had a global audience of 1.9 billion people.

### May 20

7. 1873. Jacob Davis and Levi Strauss received a US patent for this product.
8. 1983. The first publication on the discovery of this deadly virus was published in the journal *Science* by French research Luc Montagnier (mon•tahn•YAY).

### May 21

9. 1881. This humanitarian organization was founded by Clara Barton in Washington, DC.
10. 1921. After thirty-four hours in the air, aviator Charles Lindbergh landed at Le Bourget Field in Paris, completing the world's first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. What was the name of Lindbergh's plane?

### May 22

11. 1762. This largest Baroque fountain in the city of Rome, one of the most famous fountains in the world, was completed.
12. The Corps of Discovery, led by these two American explorers, departed from St. Charles, Missouri, officially kicking off a three-year exploration of the western United States.

### May 23

13. 1829. A patent for this musical instrument, nicknamed the "squeezebox" and associated with polkas and other musical traditions, was granted to Cyrill Demian in Vienna.
14. 1934. This criminal pair died in a hail of bullets when they were ambushed by police in Black Lake, Louisiana.

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## ANSWERS

### May 17

1. Churchill Downs
2. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (also published as *The Wizard of Oz*)

### May 18

3. Slavery
4. Mt. St. Helens

### May 19

5. "Happy Birthday to You" (The dress Monroe wore on that occasion sold at auction in 1999 for \$1.26 million.)
6. Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

### May 20

7. Blue jeans made with metal rivets
8. The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS

### May 21

9. The American Red Cross
10. *The Spirit of St. Louis*

### May 22

11. The Trevi Fountain, which took 30 years to build and was featured in the 1954 film *Three Coins in the Fountain* and in the 1953 film *Roman Holiday*.
12. (Meriwether) Lewis and (William) Clark

### May 23

13. The accordion
14. Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow