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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 24

1. 1941. This musician, who was awarded a 2016 Nobel Prize in Literature for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition," was born in Minnesota.
2. 2022. The third-deadliest shooting at an American school occurred at the Robb Elementary school in this southwest Texas city. Twenty-one people died, including nineteen children.

MAY 25

3. 1895. Playwright, poet, novelist and author of *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Picture of Dorian Gray* was convicted in an English courtroom of "committing acts of gross indecency with other male persons" and sentenced to serve two years at hard labor in prison.
4. 1925. Substitute teacher John T. Scopes was indicted for teaching this forbidden subject in a Dayton, Tennessee high school.

MAY 26

5. 1868. The Impeachment of this US president, who assumed the presidency after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, ended with his acquittal by one vote.
6. 2010. This Canadian-American radio and television host, who also wrote a series of books entitled *Kids Say the Darndest Things*, died in Los Angeles at the age of 98.

MAY 27

7. 1907. This future author was born in Pennsylvania. In the 1960s she would publish *Silent Spring*, a book that warned of the potentially catastrophic environmental consequences of the indiscriminate use of pesticides.
8. 1927. The Ford Motor Company stopped manufacturing the Model T (after 19 years and more than 15 million cars) and began retooling the factories to make this new model.

MAY 28

9. 1934. The first quintuplets known to survive their infancy were born in Ontario, Canada. What was their last name?
10. 1957. The National League Baseball owners voted to allow the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants to move to new cities. Where did each team go?

MAY 29

11. 1826. Ebenezer Butterick was born near Worcester, Massachusetts. His name would become known in homes throughout the world for this invention, which he developed with his wife.
12. 1953. Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal were the first humans to accomplish this remarkable achievement.

MAY 30

13. 1431. This national heroine, who led the French army to victory in several important battles during the Hundred Years War against English domination, was burned at the stake at age 19.
14. 1908. The future "Man of 1,000 Voices" was born in San Francisco. He was best known for providing a variety of voices for Looney Tunes cartoons during the golden age of American animation, including Porky Pig, Elmer Fudd, Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and many more.

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ANSWERS

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1. Bob Dylan (born Robert Zimmerman)
2. Uvalde

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3. Oscar Wilde
4. The theory of evolution

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5. Andrew Johnson. Johnson was the first US president to be impeached, and the case brought against him was for several alleged instances of abuse of power.
6. Art Linkletter

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7. Rachel Carson
8. The Model A

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9. Dionne
10. The Brooklyn Dodgers moved to Los Angeles, and the New York Giants moved to San Francisco.

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11. Butterick revolutionized home sewing with the creation of tissue paper dress patterns in 1863.
12. Hillary and Norgay were the first people to climb to the top of Mt. Everest.

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13. Joan of Arc
14. Mel Blanc