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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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## MAY 31

1. 1889. More than 2,200 people died after a dam failed and sent a 60-foot wall of water to the town of Johnstown. It remains the worst flood ever to occur in this US state.
2. 2005. Former FBI official W. Mark Felt revealed to *Vanity Fair* magazine this secret, which he had held for more than three decades.

## JUNE 1

3. 1779. This Revolutionary War army general was court-martialed for plotting to hand the US fort at West Point, NY over to the British. His name quickly became synonymous with treason.
4. 1916. The US Senate confirmed the appointment of this Supreme Court Justice, the first Jew to hold the position..

## JUNE 2

5. 1941. This NY Yankees Hall of Famer died at the age of 37 – two years after he was diagnosed with the disease that is now known in North America by his name.
6. 1997. Timothy McVeigh was convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in this city.

## JUNE 3

7. 1968. This “pop art” artist, known for his painted images of soup cans, was shot and nearly killed in his Manhattan studio.
8. 1938. Edward, the Duke of Windsor married this twice-divorced American-born woman for whom he had abdicated the British throne six months earlier.

## JUNE 4

9. 1919. Two weeks after the proposed 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution was passed by the House of Representatives, it was passed in the Senate. What right did the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guarantee?
10. 1940. “We Shall Fight on the Beaches” is the common title given to a famous speech delivered by this leader, who had to deliver news of a great military loss to the Nazis.

## JUNE 5

11. 1968. Senator Robert Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded by a 24-year-old Palestinian, Sirhan Sirhan, in the Ambassador Hotel in this city.
12. 2004. Ten years after announcing he was diagnosed with this disease, President Ronald Reagan died at his ranch in California at the age of 93.

## JUNE 6

13. 1933. The first of this type of movie theater opened in Camden, New Jersey. By the mid-1960s, there were more than 5,000 in the United States; today, only about 300 remain.
14. 1998. This television series, starring Sarah Jessica Parker, began airing on HBO. It became one of the most popular and influential television series of the late 1990s and early 2000s.

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## ANSWERS

### MAY 31

1. Pennsylvania
2. Felt revealed that he was “Deep Throat,” the Watergate whistleblower who had given crucial information to *Washington Post* reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward.

### JUNE 1

3. Benedict Arnold
4. Louis Brandeis

### JUNE 2

5. Lou Gehrig. The degenerative neurological disease ALS (for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) is primarily known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease in North America.
6. Oklahoma City. McVeigh was executed four years later.

### JUNE 3

7. Andy Warhol
8. Wallis Simpson

### JUNE 4

9. The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteed women the right to vote.
10. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill

### JUNE 5

11. Los Angeles
12. Alzheimer’s Disease

### JUNE 6

13. Drive-in movie theaters
14. *Sex and the City*