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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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JUNE 7

1. 1967. This writer and founding member of the Algonquin Round Table, known for her pointed verbal wit and satire, died at the age of 73. Among her most famous lines were "Men seldom make passes at girls who wear glasses" and "I don't care what is written about me so long as it isn't true."
2. 1976. *New York* magazine published a story about "Disco Culture," which was subsequently turned into this hit movie starring John Travolta.

JUNE 8

3. 622. Muhammad, the founder of Islam, died in the city of Medina, located in present-day Saudi Arabia. What is the name of the holy book of Islam that was revealed to Muhammad in verses over a period of 23 years?
4. 1949. This British author published his dystopian classic novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, a warning against totalitarianism that introduced such concepts as "Big Brother" and "The Thought Police."

JUNE 9

5. 1891. This composer and lyricist of songs including "Night and Day," "I Get a Kick Out of You," and "I've Got You Under My Skin," was born to a wealthy family in Peru, Indiana.
6. 1973. Secretariat won the last of these three races, making him the ninth horse in US history to win the coveted Triple Crown of horse racing.

JUNE 10

7. 1935. Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith (known better as Bill W. and Dr. Bob) started this organization based on a twelve-step program of character development.
8. 1967. The Six-Day War came to an end. Can you name three of the four countries involved in that war?

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9. 1933. Born Jerome Silberman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he took on this stage name in his mid-20's and went on to star in comedic roles in many films, including *The Producers*, *Blazing Saddles*, *Young Frankenstein*, and 1971's *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*.
10. 1963. This governor stood in front of the entry door at the University of Alabama in a symbolic attempt to block two African American students from enrolling in the school.

JUNE 12

11. 1939. This sports museum in Cooperstown, New York was opened to the public.
12. 1942. One month before she and her family went into hiding, Anne Frank received this prescient gift from her parents for her thirteenth birthday.

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13. 1966. The US Supreme Court issued its landmark *Miranda v. Arizona* decision that required police to do this before questioning a suspect.
14. 1997. A jury in Denver sentenced Timothy McVeigh to death for his part in this 1995 crime.

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ANSWERS

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1. Dorothy Parker
2. *Saturday Night Fever*

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3. The Koran
4. George Orwell. One year after publishing *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Orwell died of complications due to tuberculosis at age 46.

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5. Cole Porter
6. The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes

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7. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
8. Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Syria

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9. Gene Wilder
10. Governor George Wallace

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11. The Baseball Hall of Fame
12. A diary

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13. The Miranda case required that the police inform a suspect of his constitutional rights to remain silent and to have a lawyer represent him to protect him against self-incrimination
14. McVeigh masterminded and perpetrated the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, including 19 children.