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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 14

1. 1940. Nazi troops encountered no resistance as they entered and began a four-year occupation of this European capital.
2. 1951. The first commercial computer was dedicated at the US Census Bureau. It was given this name, which stood for Universal Automatic Computer.

June 15

3. 1970. This cult leader went on trial for the Tate-LaBianca murders in Los Angeles.
4. 1995. O.J. Simpson struggled to put on a pair of gloves that prosecutors said were worn by the killer of Simpson's ex-wife. The moment inspired this famous summation line from Simpson attorney Johnnie Cochran.

June 16

5. 1943. Silent film star Charlie Chaplin, at age 54, married the 18-year-old daughter of this American playwright..
6. 1961. This Russian, widely considered the best male ballet dancer of his generation, defected to the United States – thirteen years before Mikhail Baryshnikov did the same.

June 17

7. 1885. This gift from France to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the USA arrived by boat in New York Harbor. It traveled in pieces, packed into 214 crates, and took four months to reassemble.
8. 1991. A final blow to this system of racial segregation occurred when racially based laws were abolished by the Parliament of South Africa.

June 18

9. 1873. This 19th-century suffragette was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.
10. 1948. Columbia Records introduced the long-playing (LP) record album, a 12-inch disc that revolved at this speed.

June 19

11. 1917. Due to anti-German sentiment after WWI, King George V ordered members of the British royal family to dispense with their German titles and surnames. What English surname did they officially adopt about a month later?
12. 2012. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange requested asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in this city, for fear of extradition to the US after the publication of classified documents.

June 20

13. 1782. Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, which featured this national symbol.
14. 1867. Nearly bankrupt after the Crimean War, Russia approved the sale of this territory to the United States for \$7.2 million – roughly two cents per acre.

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ANSWERS

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1. Paris. Knowing the Nazis were coming, the French government troops had withdrawn to avoid a battle that would destroy the historical and artistic treasures of their city.
2. UNIVAC

June 15

3. Charles Manson
4. "If the gloves don't fit, you must acquit."

June 16

5. Eugene O'Neill. Oona O'Neill and Charlie Chaplin were married for 34 years (until his death) and had eight children together.
6. Rudolph Nureyev

June 17

7. The Statue of Liberty
8. Apartheid

June 18

9. Susan B. Anthony. In the courtroom, Anthony declared "I shall never pay a dollar of your unjust penalty." And she never did.
10. 33 1/3 rpm

June 19

11. Windsor. Their German name was Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.
12. London. Assange lived in Ecuador's London embassy for nearly seven years. In 2019, he left the embassy and was arrested by British authorities.

June 20

13. The Bald Eagle, which was adopted as the symbol of the United States on this day
14. Alaska