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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 21

1. 1964. Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney were killed near Meridian, Mississippi by members of this terrorist group.
2. 1978. The musical *Evita*, by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, based on the story of this real-life woman, debuted on the London stage.

JUNE 22

3. 2008. This counterculture comedian, famous for his profanity-laced comedy sketch about “the seven words you can never say on television,” died at age 71.
4. 2025. The United States attacked three nuclear facilities in this country during a war that had begun 10 days earlier with surprise Israeli attacks.

JUNE 23

5. 1887. The Rocky Mountains Park Act became law in Canada. It created this first Canadian National Park, located roughly 100 miles west of Calgary, Alberta.
6. 1939. The Prime Minister of Siam gave his country this new name.

JUNE 24

7. 1949. This program, starring William Boyd in the title role, debuted as the first television western — with its cowboy hero who usually wore black and rode a white horse.
8. 2022. In *Dobbs v. Jackson (MS) Women’s Health Organization*, the US Supreme Court overturned this 1973 case, ruling that the US Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. The right to regulate any aspect of abortion was returned to individual states.

JUNE 25

9. 1876. Lieutenant Colonel George Custer and his 7th Calvary were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne native tribes in this famous Montana battle.
10. 1973. This clean-cut White House counsel began his testimony to the Senate Watergate Committee in which he would describe the cover-up of the Watergate break-in as “a cancer on the presidency.”

JUNE 26

11. 1948. After Russia’s Josef Stalin cut off all land and sea routes to gain control of this divided European city, President Truman initiated an airlift of food, heating fuel, and other supplies. US planes continued to drop these critical supplies many times a day for almost a year until the Soviets lifted the blockade.
12. 1975. This musical couple divorced. She went on to win an Oscar, and he was elected 20 years later to the US House of Representatives as a Republican from California.

JUNE 27

13. 1880. Born healthy in Tuscumbia, Alabama, this child lost her sight and hearing after a bout of illness when she was 19 months old.
14. 1950. President Harry Truman ordered US air and sea forces to this country to prevent the spread of communism in Asia.

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ANSWERS

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1. The Ku Klux Klan
2. Eva Perón

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3. George Carlin
4. Iran. After the strikes, President Trump, Vice President Vance, and Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth all claimed that Iran's nuclear enrichment facilities were "completely and totally obliterated." A later report indicated that Iran's nuclear program was perhaps set back by a few months at most.

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5. Banff National Park
6. Thailand

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7. *Hopalong Cassidy*
8. *Roe v. Wade*

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9. The Battle of the Little Big Horn
10. John Dean

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11. West Berlin
12. Sonny and Cher

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13. Helen Keller. The disease that took her sight and hearing was unknown at the time. Today, it is believed she had meningitis or possibly a type of influenza.
14. Korea. This marked the beginning of the three-year long Korean Conflict