

6/28/26

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.

6/28/26

This Week in History

JUNE 28

1. 1870. The US Congress established the first federal holidays. Can you name all four of them?
2. 1919. Five years to the day after the assassination of Austrian Archduke Ferdinand triggered the beginning of World War I, the war officially ended with a treaty signed in the palace of this city near Paris, France.

JUNE 29

3. 1974. This Russian ballet star ran three blocks to a waiting car in Toronto and thus effectively defected from the Soviet Union.
4. 2003. This four-time Academy Award winner, who was named the greatest actress in the history of American cinema by the American Film Institute, died at age 96 of natural causes at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

JUNE 30

5. 1921. US President Warren G. Harding appointed this former President as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
6. 2019. Donald Trump became the first sitting US President to visit this communist country.

JULY 1

7. 1966. Nineteen million senior citizens signed up for this new government program.
8. 1984. The Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees the rating system for movies, introduced this new rating category that fell between G (for general audiences) and M (for mature audiences).

JULY 2

9. 1937. At 8:43 AM, the last radio signal from this aviator was heard by the crew of the US Coast Guard cutter *Itasca*, located in the South Pacific.
10. 1979. With the introduction of a new one-dollar coin, this 19th-century women's rights activist became the first woman to be depicted on circulating US coinage.

JULY 3

11. 1962. This Brooklyn Dodgers second-baseman became the first African American to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.
12. 1971. American singer and songwriter Jim Morrison, who was a member of this psychedelic rock group, died at age 27 in Paris.

JULY 4

13. 1776. The Declaration of Independence, which called for the American colonies to secede from Great Britain, was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. Can you finish this second sentence from the Declaration of Independence, that begins "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that ... "
14. 1939. Lou Gehrig, recently diagnosed with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), announced his retirement and told the crowd at Yankee Stadium that he considered himself to be "The luckiest ... " what?

6/28/26

This Week in History

ANSWERS

JUNE 28

1. New Years Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas
2. Versailles

JUNE 29

3. Mikhail Baryshnikov
4. Katharine Hepburn

JUNE 30

5. William Howard Taft. Taft is the only person to serve as both US President and Supreme Court Justice.
6. North Korea

JULY 1

7. Medicare. Before Medicare, less than 50% of America's seniors had health insurance.
8. PG-13

JULY 2

9. Amelia Earhart
10. Susan B. Anthony

JULY 3

11. Jackie Robinson
12. The Doors. The official cause of Morrison's death was listed as heart failure.

JULY 4

13. "... all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."
14. "... man on the face of the earth."