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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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JULY 5

1. 1921. Jury selection began in the trial of eight baseball players with this team who were accused of taking money to purposely lose games in a conspiracy to fix the 1919 World Series.
2. 1975. This professional tennis player became the first African American man to win the Wimbledon singles title.

JULY 6

3. 1942. Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in a secret annex above her father's office in a warehouse in this city.
4. 1971. This world-renowned jazz trumpeter and gravelly-voiced vocalist, who pioneered jazz improvisation and the style known as swing, died in New York City at age 69.

JULY 7

5. 1907. This American theater producer staged his first Follies (inspired by the Follies Bergère of Paris) in New York City.
6. 1981. This judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals was nominated by President Ronald Reagan as the first female Supreme Court Justice.

JULY 8

7. 1839. This founder of Standard Oil, whom *Forbes* magazine would later proclaim as the richest American of all time, was born into humble circumstances in Richford, NY.
8. 1889. Journalists Charles Henry Dow, Edward Jones, and Charles Bergstresser published the first issue of this business and finance-focused newspaper.

JULY 9

9. 1877. The oldest and arguably the most prestigious tennis tournament in the world was first played in a private club in this London suburb.
10. 1995. This American psychedelic rock band performed their last concert. One month later, lead guitarist and vocalist Jerry Garcia died at age 53.

JULY 10

11. 1962. Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin, who worked for this automaker, received a US patent for the three-point seatbelt. Today every car manufactured comes equipped with Bohlin's design, which combines the seat and shoulder belts into a single device.
12. 1991. This former Soviet politician became the first democratically elected president of Russia.

JULY 11

13. 1804. This vice president under Thomas Jefferson mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a duel in Weehawken, New Jersey.
14. 1914. This baseball legend made his major league debut as a pitcher for the Boston Red Sox.

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ANSWERS

JULY 5

1. The Chicago White Sox (Note: Ironically, this event has been dubbed “The Black Sox” scandal.)
2. Arthur Ashe

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3. Amsterdam. Anne Frank and her family lived in that factory attic for just over two years before being captured by the Nazis.
4. Louis Armstrong

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5. Florenz Ziegfeld, Jr.
6. Sandra Day O’Connor

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7. John D. Rockefeller
8. *The Wall Street Journal*

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9. Wimbledon
10. The Grateful Dead. Garcia, who had long struggled with drug and tobacco addiction, weight problems, sleep apnea, and diabetes, died of a heart attack.

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11. Volvo
12. Boris Yeltsin. He was in office for eight years.

JULY 11

13. Aaron Burr
14. Babe Ruth (George Herman Ruth, Jr.)