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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 19

1. 1799. A black granite slab was discovered in Egypt that contained a legal decree in three written languages: ancient Greek, ancient Egyptian, and Hieroglyphics. What is the name of this stone, which finally enabled linguists to understand Hieroglyphics?
2. 1903. This now iconic bicycling race finished its first competition in Paris. Starting eighteen days earlier, it was completed in six stages over 1500 miles.

JULY 20

3. 1969. As he became the first man to set foot on the moon, this US astronaut uttered the famous quote: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."
4. 2012. Twelve people were killed and seventy wounded when a young man, dressed in black combat gear and a gas mask, went into a showing of the Batman film *The Dark Knight Rises* and opened fire in the theatre in this US state.

JULY 21

5. 1972. On this day, known as "Bloody Friday," twenty-two bombs were detonated by the Provisional IRA in this Northern Ireland capital city.
6. 2024. This sitting president of the United States ended his campaign for a second term and endorsed his vice president.

JULY 22

7. 1893. Katharine Lee Bates wrote this patriotic song after admiring the "spacious skies" at the top of Pikes Peak in the Colorado Rockies.
8. 1991. Police in Milwaukee arrested this serial killer, who admitted that he occasionally ate the flesh of his victims.

JULY 23

9. 1904. By some accounts, food vendor Charles E. Menches invented this cold treat during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.
10. 2013. This US astronaut, America's first woman in space, died after a long battle with cancer at age 61.

JULY 24

11. 1987. Ninety-one-year-old American mountaineer Hulda Crooks became the oldest person ever to climb this highest peak in Japan.
12. 2005. This US cyclist broke a record by winning his seventh Tour De France.

JULY 25

13. 1965. This singer/songwriter shocked the world of folk music when he abandoned his acoustic guitar for an electric one at the Newport Folk Festival in Rhode Island.
14. 1978. In Oldham, England, Louise Brown was born. She was the first baby conceived outside the womb through this new process.

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ANSWERS

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1. The Rosetta Stone. Rosetta (now called Rashid) was the city where French soldiers discovered the broken slab during Napoleon's Egyptian campaign.
2. The Tour de France

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3. Neil Armstrong. Buzz Aldrin also walked on the moon with Armstrong.
4. Colorado, in the Denver suburb of Aurora

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5. Belfast
6. Joe Biden

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7. "America the Beautiful"
8. Jeffrey Dahmer. In 1994, Dahmer was beaten to death by two fellow prison inmates.

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9. The ice cream cone. While this particular story is disputed by some historians, there is general agreement that the ice cream cone was first popularized in the United States at this St. Louis Exposition.
10. Sally Ride

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11. Mt. Fuji
12. Lance Armstrong. Armstrong was later stripped of all his Tour de France titles after he confessed to the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

JULY 25

13. Bob Dylan
14. In-vitro fertilization (IVF). Today, an estimated 13 million to 15 million IVF babies have been born around the world.