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# This Week in History

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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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## AUGUST 9

1. 1944. The US Forest Service released posters featuring this “spokesanimal” for the first time.
2. 1945. Three days after the United States dropped a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima, a second bomb was dropped on this city, about 186 miles away.

## AUGUST 10

3. 1921. At the age of 39, Franklin Roosevelt was diagnosed with this crippling disease.
4. 1977. In Yonkers, New York, 24-year-old postal employee David Berkowitz, known in the press by this nickname, was arrested for a series of killings in the New York City area over the period of one year.

## AUGUST 11

5. 1929. In a game against the Cleveland Indians, this New York Yankee’s outfielder hit his 500<sup>th</sup> career home run, becoming the first baseball player to reach that milestone.
6. 1956. This influential American abstract painter, famous for pouring and dripping paint on canvas, died in a car crash while driving drunk.

## AUGUST 12

7. 30 BC. According to legend, this last ruler of the Egyptian Ptolemaic dynasty committed suicide with the help of a venomous asp.
8. 1936. After this athlete won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Summer Olympics, Adolf Hitler left the field to avoid shaking his hand.

## AUGUST 13

9. 1969. The Apollo 11 astronauts enjoyed a ticker tape parade in Manhattan, a state dinner in Los Angeles with President Richard Nixon, after which they were awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. How many of these three pioneering moon-walkers can you name?
10. 2012. This American editor of *Cosmopolitan* magazine and author of 1962’s *Sex and the Single Girl*, died at age 90.

## AUGUST 14

11. 1980. This Polish union head led a workers’ strike at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdansk – a job action that led to the creation of the Solidarity labor movement and the eventual end of Soviet dominance over Poland.
12. 2015. US Secretary of State John Kerry officially re-opened this embassy 54 years after diplomatic relations were severed and the embassy was closed in 1961.

## AUGUST 15

13. 1947. India gained independence after nearly 200 years of British rule. However, several Muslim-majority regions were separated off, forming this new country.
14. 1899. This young tinkerer left Detroit’s Edison Electric to start his own car company.

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## ANSWERS

### AUGUST 9

1. Smokey Bear
2. Nagasaki

### AUGUST 10

3. Polio
4. Son of Sam. Berkowitz self-identified as “son of Sam” in a letter left at the scene of one of his early murders.

### AUGUST 11

5. Babe Ruth
6. Jackson Pollack

### AUGUST 12

7. Cleopatra
8. Jesse Owens

### AUGUST 13

9. Edward E. “Buzz” Aldrin; Neil Armstrong; and Michael Collins
10. Helen Gurley Brown

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11. Lech Walesa
12. The US Embassy in Cuba

### AUGUST 15

13. Pakistan
14. Henry Ford