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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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AUGUST 16

1. 1977. Forty-two-year-old Elvis Presley was found dead on the bathroom floor of his Graceland mansion in this city.
2. 1988. George H. W. Bush tapped this Indiana senator to be his running mate.

AUGUST 17

3. 1907. Pike Place Market, one of the oldest continuously operated public farmers' markets in the US, opened in this US city.
4. 1945. *Animal Farm*, by this British author, was first published.

AUGUST 18

5. 1920. Nearly two decades after the death of both Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was finally ratified by Congress. What right was ensured by this amendment?
6. 1969. The rain finally stopped, and this three-day music festival concluded with a set by Jimi Hendrix.

AUGUST 19

7. 1909. This first-ever auto race was held at the US racetrack that is now the home of one of the world's most famous motor racing competitions.
8. 1940. In his fourth wartime speech, this WWII leader famously said: "Never was so much owed by so many to so few."

AUGUST 20

9. 1866. Sixteen months after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, this president declared that the Civil War was over.
10. 1977. After less than two weeks in office, President Gerald Ford nominated this former New York governor to serve as Vice President of the United States.

AUGUST 21

11. 1858. The first of seven debates was held in Ottawa, Illinois between these two presidential candidates. The debates were well attended, and the national press coverage was intense.
12. 1959. A 50th star was added to the US flag when this state was admitted to the Union.

AUGUST 22

13. 1950. Althea Gibson became the first African American to complete in a national tour of this sport.
14. 2011. Muammar Gaddafi, long-time dictator of this North African country, was overthrown by rebel forces. Two months later he was captured and killed.

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ANSWERS

AUGUST 16

1. Memphis, Tennessee
2. Dan Quayle

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3. Seattle
4. George Orwell

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5. The 19th amendment gives women the right to vote. "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."
6. Woodstock

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7. The Indianapolis 500
8. Sir Winston Churchill

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9. President Andrew Johnson
10. Nelson Rockefeller

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11. Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas
12. Hawaii

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13. Tennis
14. Libya