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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 30

1. 1989. This New York City billionaire hotel owner, nicknamed "The Queen of Mean" because of her tyrannical behavior with employees, was found guilty of tax evasion.
2. 1965. This legendary manager of the New York Mets announced his retirement, thus ending a 56-year career in professional baseball, which included thirteen years (1949 to 1962) as the manager of the New York Yankees, winning ten pennants and seven world championships.

AUGUST 31

3. 1992. An 11-day standoff at Ruby Ridge, a rural location in this US state, between government officials and an armed family headed by self-proclaimed white separatist Randy Weaver, ended with his surrender ... and the death of Weaver's wife, his 14-year-old son, and a U.S. Marshal.
4. 1997. Britain's Princess Diana died in a tragic car accident in this city.

SEPTEMBER 1

5. 1985. An unmanned submersible called *Argo* found this 73 year-old shipwreck on the floor of the North Atlantic Ocean, roughly 400 miles east of Newfoundland.
6. 2023. This singer-songwriter, author, and businessman, whose millions of fans were known as "parrotheads," died of cancer at the age of 77.

SEPTEMBER 2

7. 1969. With the outcome of the Vietnam War still uncertain, this North Vietnamese leader died of heart failure in Hanoi. Six years later, Saigon, the former capital of South Vietnam, was renamed after the communist hero.
8. 2005. American actor Bob Denver died at age 70. For what two TV roles is he best remembered?

SEPTEMBER 3

9. 1609. In a quest for a passage to India on behalf of the Dutch East India Company, this English navigator sailed into the harbor of present-day New York City and up the river that now bears his name.
10. 1666. A small fire started in a bakery in Pudding Lane in this city. It would burn for nearly five days, engulf St. Paul's Cathedral, and destroy the city's financial center.

SEPTEMBER 4

11. 1957. Governor Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering a public high school in this city.
12. 1998. This internet search engine company was founded by Larry Page and Sergey Brin, two students at Stanford University. Today, it is considered by many to be one of the world's most powerful brands.

SEPTEMBER 5

13. 1957. *On the Road*, the book that has been called "the defining work of the postwar Beat Generation" went on sale in bookstores. Who wrote this chronicle of mid-century American youth?
14. 1960. Eighteen-year-old Muhammad Ali (then known by this name) won the gold medal in the light heavyweight boxing competition at the Olympic Games in Rome.

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ANSWERS

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1. Leona Helmsley
2. Casey Stengel

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3. Idaho
4. Paris

SEPTEMBER 1

5. *The Titanic*
6. Jimmy Buffett

SEPTEMBER 2

7. Ho Chi Minh
8. Maynard G. Krebs (*The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*) and Gilligan (*Gilligan's Island*)

SEPTEMBER 3

9. Henry Hudson
10. London

SEPTEMBER 4

11. Little Rock, Arkansas
12. Google

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13. Jack Kerouac
14. Cassius Clay (Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.)