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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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SEPTEMBER 6

1. 1620. The Pilgrims set sail from this English port on the *Mayflower*, headed for the New World. Ten weeks later, they founded Plymouth Colony in the current state of Massachusetts.
2. 2006. This legendary opera singer, one of The Three Tenors, died in Modena, Italy at age 71.

SEPTEMBER 7

3. 1936. This pioneering rock and roll star was born in Lubbock, Texas. He died just 22 years later in a plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa.
4. 1970. Willie Shoemaker set the record for most lifetime wins in this sport.

SEPTEMBER 8

5. 1986. This popular Chicago talk show aired nationally for the first time. It went on to become the highest rated talk show in television history.
6. 2022. After 70 years on the throne, Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom died at Balmoral Castle in Scotland. What name did her eldest son take when he ascended the throne?

SEPTEMBER 9

7. 1945. Computer pioneer Grace Hopper removed a moth from an experimental computer at Harvard University. That moment led to this new word for correcting computer glitches.
8. 1956. Elvis Presley sang "Don't Be Cruel" for the first of his three lifetime appearances on this TV show.

SEPTEMBER 10

9. 1955. This TV western, one of the longest-running primetime series in history, premiered on CBS. Actor James Arness played the main character for the entire 22-year run of the program.
10. 2000. After nearly 7,500 performances, this Andrew Lloyd Webber musical finally closed on Broadway. It was the longest-running show on Broadway until it was surpassed by Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera* in 2006.

SEPTEMBER 11

11. 2001. A series of coordinated suicide attacks by Al-Qaeda terrorists took nearly 3,000 lives and injured more than 6,000. Can you name the US targets of the four hi-jacked planes?
12. 2012. The US Embassy in this Libyan city was attacked, resulting in four deaths, including that of the US Ambassador to Libya, J. Christopher Stevens.

SEPTEMBER 12

13. 1974. School buses carrying African American children were pelted with eggs, bricks, and bottles in response to court-ordered busing to integrate the schools in this city, thereby sparking a decade of racial turbulence there.
14. 1966. This TV sitcom, featuring a pop-rock group of four mop-top musicians fashioned after the Beatles, debuted on American TV. Many media observers believe it included what can be considered the earliest music videos.

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ANSWERS

SEPTEMBER 6

1. Plymouth
2. Luciano Pavrotti

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3. Buddy Holly
4. Horseracing. Willie Shoemaker was a legendary jockey.

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5. *The Oprah Winfrey Show*
6. He is ruling as King Charles III.

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7. Debugging
8. *The Ed Sullivan Show*

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9. *Gunsmoke*
10. *Cats*

SEPTEMBER 11

11. Two planes hit the World Trade Center in New York City; one plane crashed into the Pentagon; and the fourth plane was diverted by a group of passengers and crashed into a field in rural Shanksville, PA. Evidence indicates that the intended target of the fourth plane was most likely the US Capitol Building in Washington DC.
12. Benghazi

SEPTEMBER 12

13. Boston
14. *The Monkees*