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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 13

1. 1948. Margaret Chase Smith, of this state, became the first women elected to the US Senate.
2. 2001. Secretary of State Colin Powell identified this Saudi Arabian as the prime suspect in the 9/11 terror attacks on the United States.

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3. 1982. This Hollywood star and real-life princess died when she reportedly suffered a stroke while driving on a mountainous road near Monte Carlo.
4. 2009. This American dancer and actor, who starred in *Dirty Dancing* and *Ghost*, died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 57.

SEPTEMBER 15

5. 1835. The *HMS Beagle*, with this young naturalist aboard ship, reached the Galápagos Islands, where his theories on evolution and natural selection were formed.
6. 1935. This symbol of Nazi Germany was adopted as the national flag.

SEPTEMBER 16

7. 1620. This famous ship left England with 102 passengers bound for the New World. Initially headed for Virginia, the ship was blown off course to its first landing in Provincetown, MA.
8. 1959. The first successful plain paper photocopier was introduced by this company on live television from New York City. It revolutionized the document-copying industry.

SEPTEMBER 17

9. 1683. Dutch inventor Antoine van Leeuwenhoek wrote a letter to the British Royal Society describing “animacules” - what we know today to be tiny organisms such as protozoa. Van Leeuwenhoek was the first person to ever see such organisms because he invented this scientific tool that made it possible.
10. 1849. This young Maryland slave escaped to Philadelphia. She went on to become an abolitionist and “conductor” on the Underground Railroad, guiding nearly 100 enslaved African Americans to free states and Canada.

SEPTEMBER 18

11. 1837. This iconic New York City store was founded. It was originally marketed as a “stationery and fancy goods emporium,” and it’s doubtful that anyone ever really ate breakfast there.
12. 2020. This American lawyer, who was the second woman named to the US Supreme Court, died at age 87 while still serving her term on the bench.

SEPTEMBER 19

13. 1970. At a time when female characters were primarily depicted on American television as either a wife, girlfriend, or widow, this groundbreaking situation comedy debuted on CBS, featuring a single independent working woman.
14. 2010. The Deepwater Horizon oil well, owned by this company, was finally sealed after leaking oil into the Gulf of Mexico for nearly five months.

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ANSWERS

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1. Maine. She served from 1949 to 1973.
2. Osama bin Laden

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3. Grace Kelly
4. Patrick Swayze

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5. Charles Darwin
6. The Swastika

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7. The *Mayflower*
8. Xerox

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9. The microscope
10. Harriet Tubman

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11. Tiffany & Co.
12. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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13. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
14. BP (British Petroleum)