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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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QUESTIONS

October 4

1. 1944. General David Eisenhower distributed a report to his troops warning of the mental and emotional strain of “shell-shock.” What is shell-shock better known as today?
2. 1957. The Soviet Union initiated the space race with the launch of the world’s first artificial satellite. The spacecraft was given this name, the Russian word for satellite.

October 5

3. 2011. This 56-year-old co-founder of Apple computer died of cancer.
4. 2017. The *New York Times* published a detailed (and shocking to many) investigation into allegations of sexual harassment and abuse against this high-powered Hollywood producer.

October 6

5. 1927. This vaudeville entertainer ushered in the era of talking films with *The Jazz Singer*, the story of the son of a Jewish cantor who rejects his heritage to sing on the stage.
6. 1961. As the Cold War deepened, President John F. Kennedy urged American citizens to build these to protect themselves.

October 7

7. 2001. The first military action was taken in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the US. British and American troops launched air strikes against Taliban positions in this country.
8. 1996. This Australian-American media mogul launched the Fox News Channel, a 24-hour cable news network by and for the political right.

October 8

9. 2001. In the wake of the 9/11 attacks, President George W. Bush announced the establishment of this new cabinet level department.
10. 2014. The first person in the US diagnosed with this highly contagious disease died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

October 9

11. 1635. Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for speaking out about religious freedom and Indian rights. What neighboring state did Williams go on to found, which he declared “open to all those seeking freedom of conscience and separation of church and state”?
12. German businessman Oskar Schindler, who is credited with this remarkable achievement during WWII, died penniless in a German hospital.

October 10

13. 1877. This US Army Colonel, who had died a year earlier at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, was buried with full military honors at West Point.
14. 1973. This US vice president pleaded “no contest” to charges of tax evasion and then resigned from office.

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ANSWERS

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1. Post-traumatic stress
2. Sputnik

October 5

3. Steve Jobs
4. Harvey Weinstein. The *New York Times* article has since become recognized as one of the defining early moments of the #MeToo movement.

October 6

5. Al Jolson
6. Bomb shelters. It was believed at the time that such shelters would protect Americans from atomic fallout in the event of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union.

October 7

7. Afghanistan
8. Rupert Murdoch

October 8

9. Department of Homeland Security
10. Ebola. The patient, who was visiting this country from Liberia, was one of 11 total cases in the US during the 2014-2016 Ebola outbreak. Only one other patient died. Many credit effective travel bans, rapid response teams, airport screenings, mandatory quarantine, and extensive testing for keeping the outbreak from spreading more widely.

October 9

11. Rhode Island
12. Oskar Schindler saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews by employing them in his factories. He is the subject of the 1993 film *Schindler's List*.

October 10

13. Colonel George Armstrong Custer
14. Spiro Agnew