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# This Week in History

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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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## OCTOBER 11

1. 1975. This topical late-night comedy sketch program debuted on NBC featuring Dan Ackroyd, John Belushi, Chevy Chase, Garrett Morris, Gilda Radner, Jane Curtin, and Laraine Newman.
2. 1991. This American lawyer testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas had behaved inappropriately toward her when she worked for him at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

## OCTOBER 12

3. 1901. President Theodore Roosevelt officially changed the name of “The Executive Mansion” in Washington, DC to this.
4. 1984. This British Prime Minister narrowly escaped injury when an IRA (Irish Republican Army) bomb detonated in the Grand Hotel in Brighton, England. Five people were killed and thirty-two were transported to the hospital with injuries.

## OCTOBER 13

5. 1923. The more centrally located city of Ankara was named as the new capital of Turkey, in place of this other ancient city.
6. 2010. The world watched on television as 33 miners, trapped underground for 69 days in a gold and copper mine, were rescued in this South American country.

## OCTOBER 14

7. 1962. An international crisis erupted when an American reconnaissance aircraft took photographs of Soviet missiles being installed in this country.
8. 1957. This pair of harmonizing brothers had their first #1 hit, “Wake Up, Little Susie.”

## OCTOBER 15

9. 1946. This Nazi official and commander of the Luftwaffe (German Air Force) poisoned himself just hours before his scheduled execution.
10. 1966. This revolutionary African American political party was founded by Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton in Oakland, CA.

## OCTOBER 16

11. 1978. Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyla was elected Pope — the first non-Italian pontiff in 455 years. What name did he assume?
12. 1987. Baby Jessica McClure was rescued in Midland, TX. What had happened to her?

## OCTOBER 17

13. 1933. This German-born scientist arrived in the United States. His escape occurred six months after the Nazi government barred Jews from teaching at universities, and twelve years after he won a Nobel Prize.
14. 1973. This association of twelve oil-producing nations started an oil embargo against several countries, including the US, in retaliation for their support of Israel against an attack from Egypt and Syria. This embargo lasted six months and created massive lines at US gas stations.

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## ANSWERS

### OCTOBER 11

1. *Saturday Night Live*
2. Anita Hill

### OCTOBER 12

3. The White House
4. Margaret Thatcher

### OCTOBER 13

5. Istanbul
6. Chile

### OCTOBER 14

7. Cuba
8. The Everly Brothers

### OCTOBER 15

9. Hermann Goering
10. The Black Panther Party

### OCTOBER 16

11. John Paul II
12. She had fallen into an abandoned well. It took 58 hours to free her, an event the whole country watched on television.

### OCTOBER 17

13. Albert Einstein
14. OPEC (The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries)