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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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OCTOBER 18

1. 1767. This geographical line was agreed upon as the boundary between the US north and south, running between Pennsylvania and Maryland.
2. 1977. This baseball player, known as “Mr. October,” hit three home runs in three swings of the bat during the World Series.

OCTOBER 19

3. 1988. The British government imposed a broadcasting ban on television and radio interviews with members of this Irish political group that was historically associated with the IRA (Irish Republican Army).
4. 2008. This former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former Republican Secretary of State announced his support for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

OCTOBER 20

5. 2011. This dictator, who ruled Libya for 42 years, was captured and killed by rebel forces.
6. 2022. Liz Truss stepped down as Prime Minister of this country after only 45 days in office.

OCTOBER 21

7. 2018. This American actress, who starred in *Seinfeld*, *The New Adventures of Old Christine*, and *Veep*, was awarded the Kennedy Center’s Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the highest honor in comedy.
8. 2021. A shooting occurred on the set of the film *Rust*, in which this actor discharged a prop weapon which had been loaded with live ammunition, killing the director of photography, Halyna Hutchins, and injuring director Joel Souza.

OCTOBER 22

9. 1962. President John F. Kennedy delivered a televised national address announcing a full military blockade of Cuba. Why?
10. 2012. This cyclist was formally stripped of the seven Tour de France titles he won from 1999 to 2005, and banned for life from competitive cycling after being charged with systematically using illicit performance-enhancing drugs and blood transfusions.

OCTOBER 23

11. 1925. This future star of late night television was born in Corning, Iowa.
12. 1995. Yolanda Saldívar was found guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting death of this popular Mexican American singer, who was often referred to as “The Queen of Tejano Music.”

OCTOBER 24

13. 1969. This husband dazzled his wife of five years, Elizabeth Taylor, with a flawless 68-carat diamond that cost \$1.1 million.
14. 1992. This Major League Baseball team finally won a World Series Championship for Canada.

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ANSWERS

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1. The Mason-Dixon Line
2. Reggie Jackson, New York Yankees outfielder

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3. Sinn Féin
4. Colin Powell

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5. Muammar Gadhafi
6. The United Kingdom. Liz Truss is the shortest-serving prime minister in British history.

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7. Julia-Louis Dreyfus
8. Alec Baldwin

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9. It had been discovered that Soviet missile bases had secretly been constructed on the island.
10. Lance Armstrong

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11. Johnny Carson
12. Selena

OCTOBER 24

13. Richard Burton
14. The Toronto Blue Jays. In 1992 the Blue Jays bested the Atlanta Braves, and the next year, in 1993, they won again, beating the Philadelphia Phillies four games to two.