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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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NOVEMBER 1

1. 1604. This play by William Shakespeare was first performed at Whitehall Palace in London. It features the title character, who is an African prince and general in the Venetian military, his wife Desdemona, and the villainous Iago.
2. 1993. The European Union was formally established. What is the name of the currency used by most of the European Union countries?

NOVEMBER 2

3. 1960. In a landmark British trial, a jury ruled that *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, by this author, was not obscene, thereby allowing Penguin Books to publish the work in its entirety.
4. 1976. A former Democratic governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter, was elected the 39th president of the United States. Whom did he narrowly defeat?

NOVEMBER 3

5. 1964. Almost one year since assuming the presidency after the death of John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson beat this conservative Republican to win his first presidential election.
6. 1992. Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton defeated Republican incumbent George H. W. Bush for the presidency of the United States. Can you name the third-party candidate in that race who was considered by some to have spoiled Bush's chances for re-election?

NOVEMBER 4

7. 1922. The entrance to this ancient "Boy King's" tomb was discovered in Egypt.
8. 2008. Barack Obama defeated this opponent to become the first African American president of the United States.

NOVEMBER 5

9. 1872. This leader in the American women's suffrage movement cast a ballot in the 1872 presidential election. She was later arrested for voting illegally and convicted in a trial she called "the greatest outrage history ever witnessed."
10. 1941. This future singer was born in Forest Hills, Queens, New York, where he later became acquainted with 10-year-old Paul Simon after they were both cast in an elementary school production of *Alice in Wonderland*.

NOVEMBER 6

11. 1893. This composer of *Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker,* and *The 1812 Overture*, died at age 53 in St. Petersburg, Russia.
12. 1984. US President Ronald Reagan won reelection in a landslide against this former vice president and US senator from Minnesota.

NOVEMBER 7

13. 1991. This Los Angeles Lakers basketball star announced that he had tested positive for the AIDS virus and was retiring.
14. On this day in 2000, the US presidential election ended in a statistical tie between these two candidates. After a bitter legal dispute, the election was settled on December 12 by the US.Supreme Court.

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ANSWERS

NOVEMBER 1

1. *Othello*
2. The Euro

NOVEMBER 2

3. D. H. Lawrence
4. Incumbent Republican President Gerald R. Ford

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5. Barry Goldwater
6. Ross Perot

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7. Tutankhamen (King Tut)
8. John McCain

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9. Susan B. Anthony
10. Art Garfunkel

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11. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky
12. Walter Mondale

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13. Earvin “Magic” Johnson
14. Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush

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