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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 8

1. 1847. Bram Stoker was born in Dublin, Ireland. Fifty years later, he would introduce this blood-sucking, villainous vampire in his most famous novel.
2. 1932. During the Great Depression, Democrat Franklin Roosevelt defeated this Republican incumbent to win his first term as president of the United States.

NOVEMBER 9

3. 1938. Beginning on this night, Nazis looted and burned 7,500 Jewish businesses and homes, destroyed 267 synagogues, and killed or rounded up more than 2,500 Jewish men in Germany and Austria. By what name is this violent event known?
4. 1985. Twenty-two-year-old Garry Kasparov defeated Anatoly Karpov in Moscow to become the youngest world champion in this competition.

NOVEMBER 10

5. 1969. This pioneering TV show, which would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, made its broadcast debut.
6. 1964. This Secretary of Defense under Presidents Kennedy and (later) Johnson said at a news conference that the US "has no plans to send combat troops into Vietnam."

NOVEMBER 11

7. 1918. At the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month, this came to an official end.
8. 1921. Exactly three years after the end of WWI, the Tomb of the Unknowns was dedicated at this site in Virginia in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

NOVEMBER 12

9. 1954. This gateway to America shut its doors for good, after having processed more than 12 million immigrants since opening in 1892.
10. 1969. Independent journalist Seymour Hersch broke the story of the murder of at least 109 Vietnamese civilians, mostly women and children, in this village (whose name was ultimately given to the massacre) by US Army Second Lieutenant William Calley.

NOVEMBER 13

11. 1974. Karen Silkwood, a worker at a plutonium plant, died in a mysterious one-car crash. She was driving to a meeting with a reporter to discuss the unsafe conditions at the plant. Who played Silkwood in the award-winning 1983 movie of the same name?
12. 1982. This Washington, DC memorial, designed by landscape architect Maya Lin, was dedicated and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

NOVEMBER 14

13. 1922. A little-known private company was created to sell radios in Britain. Six years later, its assets were transferred to a non-commercial corporation that grew into this worldwide, world-famous media giant.
14. 1969. This momentous change occurred at Yale University — six years after it happened at Harvard.

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ANSWERS

November 8

1. Dracula
2. Herbert Hoover

November 9

3. *Kristallnacht* ("Night of Broken Glass")
4. Chess

November 10

5. *Sesame Street*
6. Robert McNamara

November 11

7. World War I
8. Arlington Cemetery

November 12

9. Ellis Island
10. My Lai

November 13

11. Meryl Streep
12. The Vietnam War Memorial ("The Wall")

NOVEMBER 14

13. 1922. BBC
14. 1969. Although a few women were allowed to study in a handful of programs, Yale voted to become a fully coeducational institution and enrolled its first class of female undergraduates in September 1969.

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