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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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1. 1963. President John Kennedy was killed and this Texas governor was injured while riding in a motorcade in Dallas.
2. 1988. The first version of this military aircraft was officially unveiled. It was given this name because of its ability to evade being detected on enemy radar.

NOVEMBER 23

3. 1963. The BBC broadcast the first episode of this TV series, the world's longest-running science fiction drama series.
4. 1990. This British author, who was best known for his irreverent children's books, which included *James and the Giant Peach* (1961) and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964), died in Oxford, England.

NOVEMBER 24

5. 1859. *On The Origin of Species*, this British naturalist's controversial book, was first published.
6. 1974. Anthropologist Donald Johanson discovered the 40%-complete skeleton of an extinct species of human and named it Lucy after this Beatles song.

NOVEMBER 25

7. 1952. *The Mousetrap*, a murder mystery by this playwright, made its debut in London's West End and ran continuously for 68 years, until 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic shut down all London's theaters.
8. 1992. The parliament of Czechoslovakia voted to dissolve itself and split into these two separate eastern European countries.

NOVEMBER 26

9. 1942. This classic romantic drama film, set during World War II and starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, premiered in New York City.
10. 2000. This state's canvassing board certified that George W. Bush won the presidential election by 537 votes. This certification led to a controversial recount and ultimately a Supreme Court case to determine the winner.

NOVEMBER 27

11. 1895. At the Swedish–Norwegian Club in Paris, this inventor signed his last will and testament, which set aside his entire estate to establish a prize for achievement in the sciences.
12. 1973. The Senate voted 92-3 to confirm this Michigan congressman as Vice President of the United States, following the resignation of Spiro T. Agnew.

NOVEMBER 28

13. 1961. Gridiron football player Ernie Davis of Syracuse University became the first African American to win this prestigious college football trophy.
14. 1990. After eleven years in power, this British Prime Minister resigned and was succeeded by John Major.

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ANSWERS

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1. Gov. John B. Connolly
2. Stealth

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3. *Dr. Who*
4. Roald Dahl

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5. Charles Darwin
6. “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”

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7. Agatha Christie. *The Mousetrap* reopened the next year and is still running today.
8. The Czech Republic and Slovakia

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9. *Casablanca*
10. Florida

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11. Alfred Nobel
12. Gerald R. Ford

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13. The Heisman Trophy
14. Margaret Thatcher

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