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Weekly Trivia Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 20 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

You already know how to play trivia quizzes. Here are a few additional ideas to consider if you want a more, or less, competitive game.

Instructions

1. Create a tournament format in which permanent teams compete in playoffs and a final champion team is crowned.
2. Collect a small amount of money from each player (for example, 50 cents or a dollar) and put it into a kitty. The winning team splits the kitty.
3. Buy some lottery tickets to use as prizes for the winners (and runners up).
4. To create a less competitive game, just give one point for every question answered.

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QUESTIONS

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

- 10 Pts Bob Hope and Elizabeth Taylor
- 20 Pts Henry Kissinger and Bruce Willis
- 30 Pts Ann-Margret and Alfred Nobel
- 40 Pts Peter Jennings and Jim Carrey
- 50 Pts Pablo Picasso and Rafael Nadal

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS

- 10 Pts Known as “Scarface,” he was involved in gun running, bootlegging and murder, but was finally jailed for tax evasion.
- 20 Pts Dubbed “The Milwaukee Monster,” this serial murderer kept photographs of the dismembered body parts of his victims. He later confessed to eating the body parts of some victims, and would dispose of their heads and genitals in a tub of acid.
- 30 Pts In 2003, Mark Felt was revealed as Woodward and Bernstein’s secret Watergate informant. By what nickname was he better known?
- 40 Pts After 16 years on the FBI’s Most Wanted List, this Boston gangster was captured in 2011, living with his girlfriend in Santa Monica, California. Seven years later, at age 89, he was beaten beyond recognition by a group of fellow inmates in a Florida federal penitentiary.
- 50 Pts This American gangster was dubbed Public Enemy #1 by the FBI until federal agents shot him dead outside of Chicago’s Biograph Theater in 1934.

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts What is the longer official name of the flowers most commonly known as “mums”?
- 20 Pts This flower produces small dark seeds used in baking. It also produces the powerful narcotic opium.
- 30 Pts In a 1970 hit song, singer Lynn Anderson was realistic about life when she sang, “I beg your pardon. I never promised you ...” What?
- 40 Pts Perhaps second only to the Netherlands, the Chilliwack area in British Columbia, Canada holds major spring festivals featuring this flower.
- 50 Pts Although his date was a no-show, singer Ray Coniff was all dressed up for the prom, wearing a “white sport coat and ...” this flower.

WHO WAS PRESIDENT WHEN ... ?

- 10 Pts ... the Apollo 11 mission landed humans on the moon in 1969?
- 20 Pts ... the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred in 1941?
- 30 Pts ... the Berlin Wall fell in 1989?
- 40 Pts ... women gained the right to vote nationwide in 1920?
- 50 Pts ... the stock market crashed on Black Tuesday in late 1929?

DISASTERS

- 10 Pts The first time a world disaster was captured on film was in 1937 in Lakehurst, NJ. "Oh the humanity."
- 20 Pts In AD 79, Mt. Vesuvius erupted near the Bay of Naples and buried two towns that were not uncovered for nearly 2,000 years. Can you name one of those two towns?
- 30 Pts What was the name of the book (and movie) that chronicled the last voyage of the *Andrea Gail* the Gloucester, Massachusetts fishing vessel that was lost at sea in 1991, taking the lives of her six-man crew.
- 40 Pts In politics, this is great news for a candidate. On the side of a mountain, it's usually a disaster.
- 50 Pts Still called the worst industrial accident in history, a poisonous gas leak in this Indian city in 1984 killed thousands of people and sickened hundreds of thousands.

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ANSWERS

WHERE WERE THEY BORN?

- 10 Pts England
- 20 Pts Germany
- 30 Pts Sweden
- 40 Pts Canada
- 50 Pts Spain

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS

- 10 Pts Al Capone
- 20 Pts Jeffrey Dahmer. After two years in federal prison, Dahmer was bludgeoned to death in 1994 by a fellow inmate. He was 34 years old.
- 30 Pts Deep Throat
- 40 Pts James “Whitey” Bulger
- 50 Pts John Dillinger. Dillinger died roughly two months after Bonnie and Clyde famously met their deaths in a barrage of bullets in Louisiana. Dillinger was 31 years old when he died. Bonnie Parker died at age 23, and Clyde Barrow at 25.

FLOWERS

- 10 Pts Chrysanthemums
- 20 Pts Poppy
- 30 Pts “ ... a rose garden”
- 40 Pts The tulip
- 50 Pts “... a pink carnation”

WHO WAS PRESIDENT WHEN ... ?

- 10 Pts Richard Nixon
- 20 Pts Franklin D. Roosevelt
- 30 Pts George H. W. Bush
- 40 Pts Woodrow Wilson
- 50 Pts Herbert Hoover

DISASTERS

- 10 Pts The Hindenburg fire and crash
- 20 Pts Pompeii and Herculaneum
- 30 Pts *The Perfect Storm*
- 40 Pts Landslide
- 50 Pts Bhopal