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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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WHAT'S MISSING?

- 10 Pts Junior, Senior, Freshman
- 20 Pts Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts
- 30 Pts A, I, U, O
- 40 Pts A, AB, B
- 50 Pts Pennsylvania, B&O, Reading

LET IT BURN

- 10 Pts Burning this was a symbol of women's liberation in the 1960s.
- 20 Pts Burning this was a symbol of protest against the Vietnam War.
- 30 Pts Burning this is a celebration of the end of this type of indebtedness.
- 40 Pts Burning this can be an act of desecration to make a political point ... or a respectful way to dispose of the national symbol.
- 50 Pts The 1969 burning of this polluted river in Ohio became a symbol of environmental degradation and played a part in the federal Clean Water Act of 1972.

THE FEWEST

- 10 Pts What month has the fewest letters?
- 20 Pts Name all three US states with the fewest letters (i.e., four).
- 30 Pts Which of the Great Lakes has the fewest miles of surface area?
- 40 Pts While Maine is the only state with just one syllable, there are six states with only two syllables. Can you name three of them?
- 50 Pts While five US presidents had no biological children (Washington, Madison, Jackson, Polk, and Buchanan), three had only one child. Can you name two of the three presidents with the fewest biological children (not including the ones who had no children)?

GUESS THE CATEGORY

- 10 Pts In 1940, Prime Minister Winston Churchill exclaimed that he had nothing more to offer but ... this, in defense of his country.
- 20 Pts In 1967, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles crooned, "Well, there are some sad things known to man, but ain't too much sadder than ..." What?
- 30 Pts This chemical agent, which irritates mucous membranes causing pain and discomfort, is often used by the police in riot control.
- 40 Pts Term for a movie that is designed to evoke sadness.
- 50 Pts This reptilian phrase describes an insincere display of grief.

FICTIONAL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- 10 Pts J.K. Rowling's title character in this seven-book series is a student at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.
- 20 Pts The Sweathogs were students at James Buchanan High School in Brooklyn on this 1970's TV comedy.
- 30 Pts In 1986, Matthew Broderick played this fictional high school student who played hooky and spent the day having adventures in downtown Chicago.
- 40 Pts "Sieze the day!" advised inspirational boarding school teacher John Keating, played by Robin Williams in this 1989 film.
- 50 Pts He went from playing Walter Denton, nasally-voiced student in TV's *Our Miss Brooks*, to the role of Luke McCoy in *The Real McCoys*.

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ANSWERS

WHAT'S MISSING

- 10 Pts Sophomore (high school or college classes)
- 20 Pts Vermont (six New England States)
- 30 Pts E (five vowels)
- 40 Pts O (four blood groups)
- 50 Pts Short Line (four railroads on the classic Monopoly board)

LET IT BURN

- 10 Pts Bra
- 20 Pts Draft card
- 30 Pts Mortgage papers
- 40 Pts Flag
- 50 Pts Cuyahoga River

THE FEWEST

- 10 Pts May
- 20 Pts Iowa, Ohio, Utah
- 30 Pts Lake Ontario
- 40 Pts Georgia, Kansas, New York, Texas, Utah, and Vermont
- 50 Pts Harry Truman, Warren G. Harding, and Bill Clinton all had only one child each.

GUESS THE CATEGORY (Tears)

- 10 Pts Blood, sweat, and tears. The precise quote is actually "blood, toil, tears, and sweat" but it is now more often remembered as just "blood, sweat, and tears."
- 20 Pts "... the tears of a clown (when there's no one around.)"
- 30 Pts Tear gas
- 40 Pts Tearjerker
- 50 Pts Crocodile tears

FICTIONAL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- 10 Pts Harry Potter
- 20 Pts *Welcome Back, Kotter*
- 30 Pts Ferris Buehler
- 40 Pts *Dead Poets Society*
- 50 Pts Richard Crenna