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Weekly Trivia Quiz 1

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

PROTEST MUSIC

- 10 Pts Who wrote the anti-war song "Give Peace a Chance" in 1969, which was famously used to protest the war in Vietnam?
- 20 Pts Perhaps the defining anthem of the civil rights and anti-war movements in the 1960s was "Blowin' in the Wind" by this musical legend.
- 30 Pts In 1970, Motown artist Edwin Starr recorded the song "War," which repeatedly asked the question: "War, huh, Good God, what is it good for?" What was the musical answer to that question?
- 40 Pts What Canadian-born singer-songwriter wrote and recorded the song "Ohio" after the 1970 Kent State shootings?
- 50 Pts "Strange Fruit," recorded in 1939 by Billie Holiday, chronicled and protested this horrific practice of extrajudicial killings.

TV's FRIENDS TRIVIA

- 10 Pts What is Joey's last name?
- 20 Pts What is the name of Phoebe's twin sister?
- 30 Pts What is the name of the coffee shop where the six friends spend much of their time?
- 40 Pts What kind of pet did Ross have in the second season?
- 50 Pts What was Chandler's dad's profession? (Hint: He worked in Las Vegas.)

19th-CENTURY SCIENCE

- 10 Pts Who wrote the book in 1859 that explained the theory of evolution by natural selection?
- 20 Pts Practical electric lighting in the home was not possible until this inventor came up with the incandescent light bulb.
- 30 Pts Just three years before the dawn of the 19th century, Edward Jenner created the world's first successful vaccine. What disease was eventually eradicated, more than 170 years later, thanks to Jenner's work?
- 40 Pts This French scientist not only established that both disease and food spoilage could be caused by microorganisms but also developed a workable method (still in use today) to heat a substance just enough to kill the offending microbes.
- 50 Pts This Nobel Prize-winning couple discovered the two deadly radioactive substances polonium and radium in the late 19th century.

20th-CENTURY BUSINESS

- 10 Pts Ray Kroc bought this small business in San Bernardino, California in 1955, and turned it into an iconic 20th-century giant.
- 20 Pts This city had a long history with coffee before Starbucks first opened its doors in 1971.
- 30 Pts This company introduced the Brownie camera in 1900, selling it for \$1. It was designed to make snapshot photography accessible to the mass market, using the recently introduced roll film.
- 40 Pts Two brothers founded this now world-famous entertainment studio in 1923, a foundational Hollywood company.
- 50 Pts Founded in Beverly Hills, California in 1978, this popular restaurant chain is famous for its book-sized menu and exceptionally large portion sizes.

FUNNY PEOPLE

- 10 Pts This multi-talented entertainer rocketed to worldwide fame playing the legendary comedienne Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl*.
- 20 Pts Can you name the comedy duo whose most famous routine is known as “Who’s on First?”
- 30 Pts This mid-20th-century comic actor/director/writer brought classic comedies, including *Blazing Saddles* and *Young Frankenstein*, to the silver screen.
- 40 Pts This co-creator of *Seinfeld* is famous for his unapologetically petty and brilliant observations on human behavior.
- 50 Pts Famous for his deadpan expression, porkpie hat, and incredible physical comedy, this legendary comic actor was known as “The Great Stone Face.”

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ANSWERS

PROTEST MUSIC

- 10 Pts John Lennon (although the writing was originally credited to both Lennon and Paul McCartney)
- 20 Pts Bob Dylan
- 30 Pts "Absolutely nothing!"
- 40 Pts Neil Young
- 50 Pts The lynching of African Americans, mostly in the southern US

TV's *FRIENDS* TRIVIA

- 10 Pts Tribbiani
- 20 Pts Ursula
- 30 Pts Central Perk
- 40 Pts Ross had a pet monkey named Marcel.
- 50 Pts He was a drag artist. (He starred in an all-male burlesque show as Helena Handbasket.)

19th CENTURY SCIENCE

- 10 Pts Charles Darwin. The book is entitled *On the Origin of Species*.
- 20 Pts Thomas Edison
- 30 Pts Smallpox
- 40 Pts Louis Pasteur (Pasteurization)
- 50 Pts Pierre and Marie Curie

20th CENTURY BUSINESS

- 10 Pts MacDonald's
- 20 Pts Seattle
- 30 Pts Eastman Kodak
- 40 Pts Walt Disney Productions. The brothers were Walt and Roy Disney. (Here's an interesting aside: the Waterbury Clock Company created a Mickey Mouse watch in 1933, which became so popular it saved the Waterbury company from bankruptcy during the Great Depression.)
- 50 Pts The Cheesecake Factory

FUNNY PEOPLE

- 10 Pts Barbra Streisand
- 20 Pts Abbot and Costello
- 30 Pts Mel Brooks
- 40 Pts Larry David
- 50 Pts Buster Keaton