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Last Week's News

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

This quiz explores some of the news and current events that occurred last week.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a 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 other teams may 'buzz' in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. What famous A-list actor wrote a *New York Times* op-ed last week calling on President Biden to drop out of the 2024 presidential race?
2. What is the name for the 900-page game plan for a complete ultra right overhaul of government?
3. President Biden hosted 32 global leaders last week in Washington, DC for which annual gathering?
4. Where did Viktor Orban of Hungary go after the NATO summit?
5. Which European river, which may host some of the upcoming 2024 Summer Olympics swimming events, is currently closed to swimming due to high levels of E. coli bacteria in the water?
6. Which large retailer announced that it will stop accepting personal checks as a form of payment?
7. Which city saw thousands of protesters take to the streets to protest against mass tourism?
8. Which university in Maryland received \$1 billion last week to make medical school free for the majority of its students?
9. The reclusive actress Shelley Duvall died last week at age 75. Among her best-known roles was playing opposite Jack Nicholson in this 1980 horror film, based on a novel by Stephen King and directed by Stanley Kubrick.
10. Last week, this member of the US House of Representatives (D-NY), and member of the so-called "Squad" of progressive Democrats, introduced articles of impeachment against Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito.
11. This former talk show host and comedian announced last week that she was retiring from show business.
12. At the age of 10, this German Jewish girl was sent to school in Switzerland to escape the Nazis. She ultimately studied psychology in France, earned her doctorate in New York, and became the world's best known sex therapist. She died last week at the age of 96.

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ANSWERS

1. George Clooney
2. *Project 2025*. A few of *Project 2025's* most controversial policies include: a) gutting the federal workforce of nonpartisan civil servants and replacing them with Trump loyalists; b) dismantling the Department of Education and ending all low-income and early education federal programs, including Head Start; c) putting the FBI and the Justice Department under presidential control and giving the president power to investigate his opponents; d) criminalizing people who provide abortions, making reproductive care hard to get, and denying women emergency contraception and no-cost birth control coverage; and carrying out mass deportations of anyone who can't prove their legal status in the US.
3. The NATO summit
4. Orban, Hungary's authoritarian president, went to Florida to meet with Donald Trump.
5. The River Seine in Paris
6. Target
7. Barcelona. Protesters squirted visitors with water pistols as part of a demonstration against mass tourism. Local officials say the impacts of mass tourism have increased prices and put pressure on public services.
8. Johns Hopkins University
9. *The Shining*
10. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She cited their "pattern of refusal to recuse" themselves from cases in which they may have had a personal or financial interest and their "failure to disclose" millions of dollars in gifts.
11. Ellen DeGeneres
12. Dr. Ruth Westheimer, who just last years was named as the first loneliness ambassador by New York Governor Kathy Hochul.