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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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JULY 28

1. 1945. In the United States, thick fog caused a US Army bomber to crash into the 79th floor of this tallest building in the world (at that time), killing 14 people.
2. 2005. This Irish paramilitary organization announced an end to its armed campaign against the British and that it would pursue only peaceful means to achieve its objectives.

JULY 29

3. 1981. She said his name wrong as the world watched her marry her prince.
4. 1987. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and President of France Francois Mitterrand sign the agreement to build this transportation marvel.

JULY 30

5. 1921. This first effective drug to treat diabetes was isolated in Toronto by the Canadian scientists Sir Frederick G. Banting and Charles H. Best.
6. 1956. President Eisenhower signed a resolution authorizing this as the motto of the United States.

JULY 31

7. 1948. This New York International Airport was opened for business. It would later be renamed John F. Kennedy International Airport; but what was it called for its first decade and a half?
8. 2006. Due to ill health, this Caribbean leader, who had ruled with an iron fist for nearly 50 years, turned over power to his brother, Raul.

AUGUST 1

9. 1819. This author of *Moby-Dick* was born in New York City.
10. 1900. The copyright was registered for this classic children's book, which features a tornado and a journey far from home.
11. 1941. This sturdy vehicle was introduced by the Willys Co., just in time for World War II.

AUGUST 2

12. 1943. This Navy boat commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy sank after being sheared in two by a Japanese destroyer off the Solomon Islands.
13. 1990. Iraq invaded this oil-rich country, claiming that it was driving the price of oil down by overproducing. This action ultimately resulted in the 100-hour long first Gulf War (known as Desert Storm) against Iraq.

AUGUST 3

14. 1492. Christopher Columbus set sail on "the ocean blue" with these three ships.
15. 1981. 11,345 members of this government union went on strike. Forty-eight hours later, President Ronald Reagan fired them all.

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ANSWERS

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1. The Empire State Building. Despite the fire that took 40 minutes to extinguish, most of the building was open for business on Monday morning, two days after the crash.
2. The Irish Republican Army. The IRA also announced that it would complete its long-promised disarmament, which it did over the next two months.

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3. Lady Diana Spencer
4. The Channel Tunnel (also called The Chunnel), which starts in Folkestone, Kent, England, runs under the English Channel, and ends in Calais, France

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5. Insulin
6. In God We Trust

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7. Idlewild
8. Fidel Castro of Cuba

AUGUST 1

9. Herman Melville
10. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*
11. The Jeep

AUGUST 2

12. PT-109
13. Kuwait

AUGUST 3

14. The *Nina*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*
15. The Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization