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# This Week in History

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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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## MAY 19

1. 1536. Having been found guilty on charges of adultery and treason, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of this British monarch, was beheaded.
2. 1962. Marilyn Monroe, wearing a dress so tight that she had to be sewn into it, sang a very sexy version of this song for then President John F. Kennedy.

## MAY 20

3. 1916. The cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* featured the first of more than 300 cover illustrations created by this artist.
4. 1927. This pioneering pilot took off from Roosevelt Field on Long Island, NY on the first non-stop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean. He landed in Paris, France 33 hours and 30 minutes later.

## MAY 21

5. 1917. This Canadian American actor, best known for his many years on television playing Perry Mason and later, Robert Ironside, was born in British Columbia.
6. 1992. After 30 seasons, Johnny Carson hosted his next-to-final episode of *The Tonight Show*, which was the last show that featured guests. Robin Williams was his first guest that night; who was the second? *Hint: She's an actress and singer.*

## MAY 22

7. 1762. This largest Baroque fountain in the city of Rome, and one of the most famous fountains in the world, was completed.
8. 1859. Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Scotland. What was his primary claim to fame?

## MAY 23

9. 1829. A patent for this musical instrument, nicknamed the "squeezebox" and associated with polkas and other musical traditions, was granted to Cyrill Demian in Vienna.
10. 1934. This criminal pair died in a hail of bullets when they were ambushed by police in Black Lake, Louisiana.

## MAY 24

11. 1626. In North America, the Dutch trader Peter Minuit purchased this parcel of land from the Lenape Native Americans.
12. 2022. A mass shooting at the Robb Elementary School in this Texas city resulted in the deaths of twenty-one people, nineteen of them children.

## MAY 25

13. 1961. In a speech to the US Congress, who announced the goal of putting a man on the moon before the end of the 1960s?
14. 2020. In Minneapolis, Minnesota, a police officer restrained this African American man by pressing his knee on the man's neck for more than nine minutes, causing death from cardiopulmonary arrest.

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## ANSWERS

### MAY 19

1. King Henry VIII
2. "Happy Birthday to You" (The dress Monroe wore on that occasion sold at auction in 1999 for \$1.26 million.)

### MAY 20

3. Norman Rockwell
4. Charles Lindbergh. Today, the same flight would take roughly seven hours.

### MAY 21

5. Raymond Burr
6. Bette Midler, who serenaded Johnny with one of his favorite songs, "One For My Baby, And One More For The Road."

### MAY 22

7. The Trevi Fountain, which was featured in the 1953 Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn film *Roman Holiday* and in the 1962 film *Three Coins in a Fountain*, took thirty years to build.
8. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created the character of Sherlock Holmes, and authored the original 60 works that featured perhaps the world's most famous fictional detective.

### MAY 23

9. The accordion
10. Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow

### MAY 24

11. The island of Manhattan. A common account states that Minit purchased Manhattan for \$24 worth of trinkets. A letter written by a merchant to the Dutch East India Company stated that Manhattan was purchased for "60 guilders worth of trade," an amount worth approximately \$1,143 in 2020 dollars.
12. Uvalde, Texas. The Uvalde police and other authorities have been heavily criticized for their slow response to this emergency.

### MAY 25

13. President John F. Kennedy. Although Kennedy did not live to see it, Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in July of 1969.
14. George Floyd. The now former police officer was found guilty of manslaughter nearly a year later.