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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 26

1. 1978. Gambling came to the eastern United States with the opening of a legal casino in this location.
2. 1998. The US Supreme Court decided that this historic landmark was located mainly in New Jersey, not in New York.

## MAY 27

3. 1941. The British navy sank this 823-foot, state-of-the-art German battleship, killing more than 2,000 Nazi sailors and making Atlantic Ocean routes to Britain safer for Allied convoys.
4. 1995. Superman actor Christopher Reeve was paralyzed as a result of this kind of accident.

## MAY 28

5. 1934. The first quintuplets known to survive their infancy were born in Ontario, Canada. What was their last name?
6. 1957. The National League Baseball owners vote to allow the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers to move to new cities. Where did those teams go?

## MAY 29

7. 1826. Ebenezer Butterick was born near Worcester, Massachusetts. His name became known in homes throughout the world for this invention, which he developed with his wife, Ellen.
8. 1953. Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal were the first humans to accomplish this remarkable achievement.

## MAY 30

9. 1431. This national heroine, who led the French army to victory in several important battles during the Hundred Years War against English domination, was burned at the stake at the age of 19.
10. 1947. Austrian Naval officer Georg (GAY-org) von Trapp, whose family story of escape from the Nazis in 1938 inspired this musical play and movie, died at home on his farm in Vermont.

## MAY 31

11. 1859. This sound was heard in the city of London for the first time. 165 years later, it can still be heard four times every hour.
12. 2005. Former FBI official W. Mark Felt revealed to *Vanity Fair* magazine this secret, which he had held for more than three decades.

## JUNE 1

13. 1779. This Revolutionary War army general was court-martialed for plotting to hand the US fort at West Point, NY over to the British. His name quickly became synonymous with treason.
14. 1974. This new technique for saving choking victims was published in the *Journal of Emergency Medicine*.

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## ANSWERS

### MAY 26

1. Atlantic City, New Jersey
2. Ellis Island

### MAY 27

3. The *Bismarck*
4. Equestrian. Reeve was thrown from his horse at a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.

### MAY 28

5. Dionne
6. The Brooklyn Dodgers moved to Los Angeles and the Giants moved to San Francisco.

### MAY 29

7. Butterick revolutionized home sewing with the creation of tissue paper dress patterns in 1863.
8. Hillary and Norgay were the first people to climb to the top of Mt. Everest.

### MAY 30

9. Joan of Arc
10. *The Sound of Music*

### MAY 31

11. The chiming of Big Ben, the clock that towers over the Houses of Parliament in London
12. Felt revealed that he was “Deep Throat,” the Watergate whistleblower who had given crucial information to *Washington Post* reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward.

### JUNE 1

13. Benedict Arnold
14. The Heimlich Maneuver