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This Week in History

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

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 question. 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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QUESTIONS

JUNE 2

1. 1924. The US Congress passed a law that granted citizenship to this group of people.
2. 1941. This NY Yankees Hall of Famer died of the disease that is now best known in North America by his name.

JUNE 3

3. 1938. Edward, Duke of Windsor, married this twice-divorced American-born woman for whom he had abdicated the British throne in 1936.
4. 1968. This “pop art” artist, known for his painted images of soup cans, was shot and nearly killed in his Manhattan studio.

JUNE 4

5. 1919. Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the Consitution, which guaranteed this right.
6. 1989. Chinese troops stormed this Beijing gathering place to crush a pro-democracy movement led mostly by students.

JUNE 5

7. 1947. This Secretary of State called on the US to assist in the economic recovery of postwar Europe. That plan, which was named after him, sent billions of dollars to Western Europe to rebuild the war-torn countries.
8. 1968. Senator Robert Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded in the Ambassador Hotel in this city.

JUNE 6

9. 1944. The D-Day invasion of Europe took place as 156,000 Allied forces landed on the beaches of this French region.
10. 1981. A 22-year-old artist and architectural student named Maya Yang Lin won a national competition to design this Washington, DC war memorial.

JUNE 7

11. 1913. Hudson Stuck, an Alaskan missionary, led the first successful ascent of this Alaskan mountain, which, at 20,230 feet, is the highest point in North America.
12. 1976. *New York* magazine published a story about “disco culture,” which was subsequently turned into this movie starring John Travolta.

JUNE 8

13. 622. Muhammad, the founder of Islam, died in the city of Medina, which is located in this present-day country.
14. 1998. This Hollywood icon was elected president of the National Rifle Association.

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ANSWERS

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1. Native Americans. It wasn't until after many Indians returned from fighting in WWI that some Americans felt obligated to make them citizens.
2. Lou Gehrig. The disease is ALS (for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), a degenerative neurological condition that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.
3. Wallis Simpson
4. Andy Warhol

JUNE 4

5. The 19th Amendment guaranteed women the right to vote.
6. Tiananmen Square

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7. George C. Marshall (The Marshall Plan)
8. Los Angeles

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9. Normandy
10. The Vietnam War Memorial

JUNE 7

11. Mt. McKinley, which in 1980 was renamed Denali, its original Native American name
12. *Saturday Night Fever*

JUNE 8

13. Saudi Arabia
14. Charlton Heston