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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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JUNE 9

1. 1772. In one of the first acts of violent rebellion against the Crown, the British schooner *Gaspee* was burned in Narragansett Bay in this colony (i.e., future US state).
2. 1973. Secretariat, who has been dubbed the “greatest race horse of all time,” won the last of these three races, making him the ninth horse in US history to win the coveted Triple Crown.

JUNE 10

3. 1935. Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith (known better as Bill W. and Dr. Bob) started this organization based on a twelve-step program of character development.
4. 1967. The Six-Day War came end. Name three of the four countries involved in that war.

JUNE 11

5. 1963. This Alabama governor, and future presidential candidate, stood in front of a door at the University of Alabama in a symbolic attempt to block two African American students from enrolling in the school.
6. 2001. Timothy McVeigh was executed for this crime that took the lives of 168 Americans.

JUNE 12

7. 1939. The National Baseball Hall of Fame opened in this location.
8. 1991. He became the first democratically elected President of the new Russian Federation.

JUNE 13

9. 1966. The Supreme Court issued its landmark *Miranda vs. Arizona* decision that required police to do this before questioning a suspect.
10. 1967. Lyndon Johnson nominated this former Solicitor General to become the first African American justice on the Supreme Court.

JUNE 14

11. 1940. Nazi troops encountered no resistance as they entered this European capital. Knowing the Nazis were coming, the government troops had withdrawn to avoid a battle that would destroy the historical and artistic treasures of their city.
12. 1954. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill into law that added these two extra words to the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

JUNE 15

13. 1995. During his year-long trial OJ Simpson struggled to put on a pair of gloves that prosecutors said were worn by the killer of Simpson’s ex-wife. The moment inspired this famous summation line from Simpson attorney Johnny.
14. 1215. This historic document, whose name translated from the Latin means “Great Charter” was signed by King John of England. Although it was just an agreement between the king and his nobles, this document was seen as a cornerstone in the development of democratic England by later generations.

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ANSWERS

JUNE 9

1. Rhode Island.
2. The Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes

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3. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
4. Egypt, Israel, Jordan, and Syria.

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5. Governor George Wallace
6. The 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City

JUNE 12

7. Cooperstown, New York. Today, more than a quarter-million people visit there every year.
8. Boris Yeltsin

JUNE 13

9. The Miranda case required that the police inform a suspect of his constitutional rights to remain silent and to have a lawyer represent him to protect him against self-incrimination
10. Thurgood Marshall

JUNE 14

11. Paris. The Germans occupied France for the next four years.
12. "Under God."

JUNE 15

13. "If the gloves don't fit, you must acquit."
14. Magna Carta