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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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JUNE 16

1. 1903. This business and manufacturing pioneer launched his Dearborn, Michigan company with \$28,000 in cash from a dozen investors. Within a couple of decades, he had built one of the largest and most profitable companies in the world.
2. 1961. Fearing the expansion of communism in Asia, President John F. Kennedy sent military instructors to train soldiers in this country.

JUNE 17

3. 1885. This gift from France to honor the 100th anniversary of the founding of the USA arrived by boat in New York Harbor. It traveled in pieces, packed into 214 crates, and took four months to reassemble.
4. 2012. This African American construction worker, whose 1991 beating by white Los Angeles police officers sparked violent race riots, was found dead in his swimming pool at age 47.

JUNE 18

5. 1815. Napoleon, Emperor of France, suffered his final defeat at the hands of the Duke of Wellington in this Belgian city.
6. 1983. This first female US astronaut blasted off into space for the first time aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

JUNE 19

7. 1865. With the arrival of Union soldiers in Galveston, residents in Texas finally learned that the Civil War was over and the Emancipation Proclamation enacted. This day became the annual African American holiday, known by this name, to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.
8. 2013. James Gandolfini, a much admired actor and the star of this HBO series, died of a sudden heart attack while visiting Italy.

JUNE 20

9. 1840. Samuel Morse received the patent for this technology.
10. 1975. This film debuted in US theaters, resulting in millions of summer vacationers at American beaches afraid to go into the water.

JUNE 21

11. 1964. Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney were killed near Meridian, Mississippi by members of this terrorist group.
12. 1978. The play *Evita*, by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice, based on the story of this real-life woman, debuted on the London stage.

JUNE 22

13. 2008. This counterculture comedian, famous for his profanity-laced comedy sketch about the “seven words you can never say on television,” died at age 71.
14. 2011. James “Whitey” Bulger, a notorious mobster was arrested in Santa Monica, CA. Wanted for 19 murders in this city, he was on the lam for sixteen years.

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ANSWERS

JUNE 16

1. Henry Ford (The Ford Motor Company)
2. Vietnam. By the end of 1961, there were 900 US military personnel in Vietnam. At the end of 1962, that number nearly quadrupled. And when President Kennedy was assassinated at the end of 1963, the number of US soldiers in Vietnam had reached 16,000.

JUNE 17

3. The Statue of Liberty
4. Rodney King

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5. Waterloo
6. Sally Ride. Although Sally Ride was extremely private about her personal life, it was revealed after her death in 2012 that Dr. Ride was also the first LBGT+ astronaut.

JUNE 19

7. Juneteenth. In 2021, Juneteenth was declared an official federal holiday.
8. *The Sopranos*. Gandolfini was 51 when he died.

JUNE 20

9. The telegraph
10. *Jaws*. The genre of the "summer blockbuster" was created with the release of *Jaws*.

JUNE 21

11. The Ku Klux Klan
12. Eva Perón

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13. George Carlin
14. Boston