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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 23

1. 1939. The Prime Minister of Siam gave his country this new name.
2. 2013. Nik Wallenda became the first person to successfully walk across this landmark on a tight rope.

JUNE 24

3. 1949. This program, starring William Boyd in the title role, debuted as the first television western—with its cowboy hero who usually wore black and rode a white horse.
4. 2022. In *Dobbs v. Jackson (MS) Women's Health Organization*, the US Supreme Court overturned this 1973 case, ruling that the US Constitution does not confer a right to abortion. The right to regulate any aspect of abortion was returned to individual states.

JUNE 25

5. 1876. Lieutenant Colonel George Custer and his 7th Calvary were wiped out by Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in this famous Montana battle.
6. 1973. This clean-cut White House counsel began his testimony to the Senate Watergate Committee in which he would describe the cover-up of the Watergate break-in as a "cancer on the presidency."

JUNE 26

7. 1948. After Russia's Josef Stalin cut off all land and sea routes to gain control of this divided city, President Truman initiated an airlift of food, heating fuel, and other supplies. US planes would continue to drop these critical supplies many times a day for almost one year until the Soviets lifted the blockade.
8. 1975. This musical couple divorced. She went on to win an Oscar, and he was elected 20 years later to the US House of Representatives as a Republican from California.

JUNE 27

9. 1880. Born healthy in Tuscumbia, Alabama, this child lost her sight and hearing after a bout of illness when she was 19 months old.
10. 1950. President Harry Truman ordered US air and sea forces to this country in order to prevent the spread of communism in Asia.

JUNE 28

11. 1969. The Stonewall riots began in New York City, marking the start of this social movement.
12. 1997. Boxer Mike Tyson was disqualified from a heavyweight title fight for ... doing what?

JUNE 29

13. 1974. This Russian ballet star ran three blocks to a waiting car in Toronto and thus effectively defected from the Soviet Union.
14. 2020. This actor, writer and director, who created the landmark TV series *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, died at age 98.

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ANSWERS

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1. Thailand
2. The Grand Canyon

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3. *Hopalong Cassidy*
4. *Roe v. Wade*

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5. The Battle of Little Big Horn
6. John Dean

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7. West Berlin
8. Sonny and Cher

JUNE 27

9. Helen Keller. The disease that took her sight and hearing was unknown at the time. Today, it is believed she had meningitis or possibly a type of influenza.
10. Korea. This marked the beginning of the three-year long Korean Conflict

JUNE 28

11. Gay Rights. The Stonewall riots were a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the gay community against a police raid that took place at the Stonewall Inn, located in Greenwich Village.
12. Tyson bit off a portion of the ear of his opponent, Evander Holyfield.

JUNE 29

13. Mikhail Baryshnikov
14. Carl Reiner