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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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JULY 7

1. 1928. The Chillicothe Baking Company in Missouri came up with this new way to sell bread.
2. 1985. Boris Becker became the youngest player ever to win this championships tennis series, the oldest and most prestigious in the world, at the age of 17.

JULY 8

3. 1839. This founder of Standard Oil, whom *Forbes* magazine proclaimed the richest American of all time, was born into humble circumstances in Richford, NY.
4. 1951. This European city celebrated its 2,000th birthday. In fact, historians believe that celebration should actually have occurred about two hundred years earlier, when the first settlement was established on the Seine River.

JULY 9

5. 1922. This Olympic swimmer, who later became famous as the actor who played Tarzan in 12 feature films, broke the world swimming record for the 100 meter freestyle.
6. 1962. This shaggy-haired folk singer recorded his protest song "Blowin' In The Wind," which soon became one of the anthems for both the civil rights and the peace movements.

JULY 10

7. 1962. Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin, who worked for this automaker, received a US patent for the three-point seatbelt. Today, every car manufactured comes equipped with Bohlin's design, which combines the seat and shoulder belts into a single device.
8. 1991. This former Soviet politician became the first democratically elected president of Russia.

JULY 11

9. 1804. This vice president under Thomas Jefferson mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a duel in Weehawken, New Jersey.
10. 1995. Two decades after the fall of this former South Vietnamese capital city, President Bill Clinton established full diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

JULY 12

11. 100 BC. This Roman general and statesman was born in the Suburra area of Rome. He became emperor in 49 BC after defeating his political rival Pompey, and ruled with an iron fist until he was assassinated five years later by a group led by Brutus and Cassius.
12. 1817. This future author of *Walden; or, Life in the Woods* was born in Concord, MA.

JULY 13

13. 1985. Live Aid, a worldwide concert for famine victims in Africa was introduced by Prince Charles and Princess Diana in London. The music extravaganza ended sixteen hours later in the US with this song, written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie and sung by a more than three dozen top rock and roll stars.
14. 1985. He became US president for one day, while President Ronald Reagan underwent surgery to remove polyps from his colon.

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ANSWERS

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1. In slices. Sliced bread was advertised as "the greatest forward step in the baking industry since bread was wrapped," which led to the popular idiom "the greatest thing since sliced bread."
2. Wimbledon

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3. John D. Rockefeller
4. Paris

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5. Johnny Weissmuller
6. Bob Dylan

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7. Volvo
8. Boris Yeltsin. He was in office for eight years.

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9. Aaron Burr
10. Saigon

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11. Julius Caesar
12. Henry David Thoreau. *Walden*, still a best-selling book, is a reflection on simple living in natural surroundings.

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13. "We Are the World"
14. Vice President George H. W. Bush