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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 14

1. 1902. This ancient city, often referred to as “The Lost City of the Incas,” was discovered at nearly 8,000 ft. altitude in the Andes Mountains of Peru.
2. 1946. This physician published a book that revolutionized the way children were raised for generations to come.

JULY 15

3. 1799. A black granite stone was discovered in Egypt that contained a legal decree in three written languages: ancient Greek, ancient Egyptian, and Hieroglyphics. What was the name of this stone, which finally enabled linguists to understand Hieroglyphics?
4. 2006. This social media platform, which limited messages to 140 characters, was launched on the internet by Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, and Biz Stone. In ten years it would become a critical communications vehicle for candidate and later president Donald Trump.

JULY 16

5. 1790. Washington, DC was formally established as the capital of the United States. Which two states gave up land to form the District of Columbia?
6. 1999. This aviation tragedy off the coast of Massachusetts struck a blow to a family cursed by tragedy over the past decades.

JULY 17

7. 1945. These three Allied leaders began meeting at Potsdam to decide how to administer punishment to the defeated Nazi Germany and to establish post-war order.
8. 1955. Disneyland was opened by Walt Disney in this California city.

JULY 18

9. 1925. Adolf Hitler published this book, his personal manifesto.
10. 1969. US Senator Edward Kennedy’s Oldsmobile plunged off the Chappaquiddick bridge on this resort island, killing his 28-year-old female passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne.

JULY 19

11. 1980. The Summer Olympics began in this city, but they were boycotted by the United States and 64 other countries because of the host country’s invasion of Afghanistan.
12. 2007. The first episode of this series, set in an advertising agency on Madison Avenue, aired to critical acclaim.

JULY 20

13. 1969. As he became the first man to set foot on the moon, this US astronaut uttered the famous quote: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”
14. 2012. Twelve people were killed and seventy wounded when a man, dressed in black combat gear and a gas mask, opened fire in a movie theatre in this US state.

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ANSWERS

JULY 14

1. Machu Picchu
2. Dr. Benjamin Spock, author of *The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care*

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3. The Rosetta Stone
4. Twitter. Two days after the insurrection of January 6, 2021, outgoing president Donald Trump was given a lifetime ban from Twitter due to “the risk of further incitement of violence.” His account was reinstated by Elon Musk, who subsequently bought Twitter and renamed it X.

JULY 16

5. Virginia and Maryland
6. John F. Kennedy, Jr.’s small plane crashed into the ocean, killing him (age 38), his wife Carolyn Bessette (age 33), and her sister Lauren (age 34).

JULY 17

7. Communist Party General Secretary Joseph Stalin of the USSR, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of the UK, and President Harry S. Truman of the USA. *Note: Prime Minister Clement Attlee of the UK can also be considered a correct answer since he attended the meetings after the electoral defeat of Winston Churchill.*
8. Anaheim

JULY 18

9. *Mein Kampf*
10. Martha’s Vineyard

JULY 19

11. Moscow
12. *Mad Men*

JULY 20

13. Neil Armstrong
14. Colorado, in the Denver suburb of Aurora