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Who Said It?

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes
Number of players: Unlimited
Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers
Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

Can you guess who originated a familiar quotation? If not, we provide some additional clues.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the quotation. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a 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 other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. If no person or team knows who the quote belongs to, read the hints one at a time until the quotation speaker/writer is identified ... or until you run out of hints.
5. No scoring for this game ... just have fun.

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Instructions: Read the quotation aloud. If no player can guess who originated the quotation, read the hints aloud, one at a time, until the originator of the quotation is identified or until you run out of hints.

1. **“I hope I will be able to confide everything in you, as I have never been able to confide in anyone, and I hope you will be a great source of comfort and support.”**

Hint 1: Written in a diary

Hint 2: It was written in Amsterdam in 1944

Hint 3: The writer was a 14 year-old Jewish girl

2. **“A verbal contract isn’t worth the paper it’s written on.”**

Hint 1: Said in Hollywood, California

Hint 2: By a legendary movie mogul

Hint 3: He co-founded MGM

3. **“Don’t look back. Something might be gaining on you.”**

Hint 1: Said by a renowned sports star (and it’s not Yogi Berra)

Hint 2: He was the Babe Ruth of the Negro Leagues

Hint 3: His real first name was Leroy, but he was known by his nickname, which is another word for suitcase.

4. **“I hold it, that a little rebellion now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.”**

1. He wrote it in a letter to his friend, James Madison

2. At the time he was the US Ambassador to France

3. He preceded Madison as the 3rd president of the United States.

5. **“I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year’s fashions.”**

Hint 1: She said it to the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1952

Hint 2: A famous playwright and screenwriter, she penned *The Little Foxes* and *The Children’s Hour*.

Hint 3: She was romantically linked to Dashiell Hammett, author of *The Maltese Falcon*, although they never married.

6. **“God does not throw dice.”**

Hint 1: He escaped to America from Germany in the 1930’s

Hint 2: He was a scientist

Hint 3: He changed physics with his theory of relativity, published in 1905.

7. **“On the whole, I’d rather be in Philadelphia.”**

Hint 1: This is reportedly his epitaph.

Hint 2: He was a famous Vaudevillian, juggler, comedian, and actor

Hint 3: One of his best-known films was *My Little Chickadee*, with Mae West.

8. **“Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”**

Hint 1: He was an inventor

Hint 2: He was known as “the Wizard of Menlo Park.”

Hint 3: He invented the phonograph and the practical light bulb

9. **“Man, if you gotta ask, you’ll never know.”**

Hint 1: He was a legendary musician

Hint 2: The quote was his response to the question, “What is jazz?”

Hint 3: He was a virtuoso trumpet player and a gravelly voiced singer

10. **“I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the promised land.”**

Hint 1: He was a preacher

Hint 2: He was the leader of the civil rights movement

Hint 3: The quote was part of his “I have a dream..” speech

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ANSWERS

1. Anne Frank
2. Samuel Goldwyn
3. Leroy "Satchel" Paige
4. Thomas Jefferson
5. Lillian Hellman (She refused to "name names" during the McCarthy anti-communist hysteria.)
6. Albert Einstein (in response to Heisenberg's "uncertainty" principle that claimed the structure of the universe was chaotic and unknowable.)
7. W. C. Fields
8. Thomas Alva Edison
9. Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong
10. Martin Luther King, Jr.