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in this week's quiz:

Circa 950-1100



Court ladies in Japan use kana, a newer writing system, to pen everything from diaries to “The Tale of Genji,” perhaps the world’s first novel.

What explains [the Japanese novel's lasting appeal](#)?

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1370

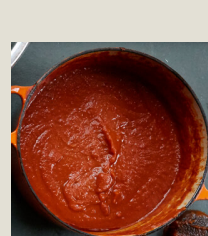


The Ming dynasty expands civil service exams, a competitive test needed for elite jobs. Rich families begin tutoring children as young as 4.

For both young [Chinese](#) and [Americans](#) these days, higher education isn't always paying off.

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1692



Using a fruit from the New World, a Naples chef writes the first known recipe for a tomato sauce, calling it “very tasty.”

The Mediterranean diet really is that good for you. [Here's why.](#)

✔ Placed correctly

Circa 1780



A Black pioneer, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, sets up a trading post and farm at the site that becomes Chicago.

Chicago's latest draw — a rat-shaped hole — was [filled and then restored](#) on Friday.

✔ Placed correctly

1793-4



In revolutionary France, Maximilien Robespierre's reign of violence requires a new English word — “terrorism” — to describe it.

Starting in February, the U.S. will [redesignate](#) Yemen's Houthi militia as a terrorist group.

✔ Placed correctly

1878



Early phones work only in pairs. To let people choose whom to call, a veteran creates the switchboard.

Now group chats, [virtual](#) and [physical](#), rule the world.

Placed for you

1966



A dissertation by an American nurse, Claire Fagin, persuades doctors to do something radical: Let parents stay with their children in the hospital.

Fagin, who died this week, had [a profound impact on nursing](#).

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1974

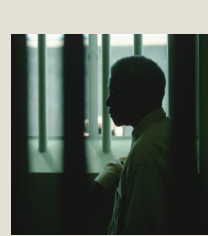


Congress limits highway speeds to 55 m.p.h. to save fuel. In protest, truckers use CB radios to organize convoys, inspiring hit movies and songs.

In Poland, truckers have [suspended their blockade](#) of Ukraine.

✔ Placed correctly

1986



Still a prisoner, Nelson Mandela secretly begins talks with the South African government to end apartheid, defying some in his party.

South Africa wants to [halt the auction](#) of items belonging to Mandela, whose legacy has been [critiqued by a younger generation](#).

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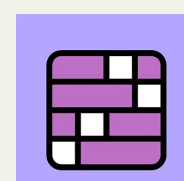
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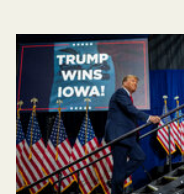
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