

Today In History – November 15

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Today in History in 1939 in Washington, D.C., US President Franklin D. Roosevelt lays the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

November 15 is the 319th day of the year (320th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 46 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

655 - Oswiu of Northumbria defeats Penda of Mercia in the Battle of the Winwaed.

1315 - Battle of Morgarten: The Swiss "Eidgenossen" defeat the Habsburgs.

1532 - Commanded by Francisco Pizarro, Spanish conquistadors led by Hernando de Soto meet Inca Emperor Atahualpa for the first time outside Cajamarca, arranging a meeting in the city plaza the following day.

1533 - Francisco Pizarro arrived in Cuzco, capital of the Inca Empire, before plundering the city and setting it on fire.

1688 - William III lands at Brixham, starting the Glorious Revolution.

1777 – After 16 months of debate the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation.

1806 - Pike expedition: Lieutenant Zebulon Pike saw a distant peak while near the Colorado foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is later named Pikes Peak.

1825 - King John V of Portugal recognised the independence of Brazil.

1859 - The first modern revival of the Olympics took place in Athens, Greece.

1864 – Union General William Tecumseh Sherman burns Atlanta, Georgia and starts Sherman's March to the Sea.

1889 – Brazil is declared a republic by Marechal Deodoro da Fonseca and Emperor Pedro II is removed from power in a military coup. The pattern of stars on the night of this date is now included on the Flag of Brazil.

1908 - Colonialism: King Leopold II of Belgium sells the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the Belgian state.

1920 – First assembly of the League of Nations is held in Geneva.

1922 - Over 1,000 people are massacred during a General Strike in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

1926 – The NBC radio network opens with 24 stations.

1928 - The RNLI lifeboat Mary Stanford capsized in Rye Harbour with the loss of the entire 17-man crew.

1935 – Manuel L. Quezon became President of the Philippines.

1935 – Canada and the United States sign a trade agreement in Washington.