

Today In History – October 5

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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:

October 5 is the 278th day of the year (279th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 87 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

610 – Coronation of Emperor Heraclius of the Byzantine Empire.

1143 – King Alfonso VII of Leon recognises Portugal as a kingdom.

1450 – Jews are expelled from Lower Bavaria by order of Louis IX, Duke of Bavaria.

1502 – Christopher Columbus names Costa Rica.

1550 – The city of Concepcion, Chile is founded.

1582 – This day does not exist in Italy, Poland, Portugal and Spain, as the Gregorian calendar is introduced. In those countries, October 4 is followed by October 15.

1665 – The University of Kiel is founded.

1762 – British troops occupy Manila, Philippines.

1789 – French Revolution: Women in Paris march to Versailles in the March on Versailles to confront Louis XVI of France about his intention to hold on to the system of feudalism.

1793 – French Revolution: Christianity is removed as the official state religion of France.

1813 – The Battle of Thames is fought in Canada, in which American forces defeat British ones.

1857 – The city of Anaheim, California is founded.

1864 – Calcutta, India, is almost completely destroyed by a cyclone, killing 60,000 people.

1869 – In weather, the Saxby Gale devastates the Bay of Fundy along the maritime provinces of Eastern Canada.

1877 – Chief Joseph surrenders his Nez Perce band to US General Nelson A. Miles.

1895 – The first individual time trial for cyclists takes place in London.

1903 – Samuel Griffith becomes the first Chief Justice of Australia.

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1908 – Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1910 – Portugal becomes a Republic.

1914 – World War I: First aerial combat resulting in a death, in international conflict.

1915 – Bulgaria enters World War I as one of the Central Powers.

1921 – Baseball's World Series is broadcast on radio for the first time.

1933 – In Germany, the Nazis take total control of the press.

1938 – In Germany, under Nazi rule, Jews' passports are declared illegal.

1943 – World War II: 98 American POWs are executed by Japanese forces on Wake Island in the Pacific Ocean.

1944 – World War II: Royal Canadian Air Force pilots shoot down the first German jet fighter over France.

1944 – Women in France are given the right to vote.

1947 – The first televised White House address is given by Harry S. Truman.

1948 – A magnitude 7.3 earthquake strikes present-day Turkmenistan, killing over 100,000 people.

1951 – The first Mediterranean Games begin in Alexandria, Egypt.

1955 – Disneyland Hotel opens in Anaheim, California.

1962 – The first James Bond movie, Dr. No, is released.

1962 – Love Me Do, the Beatles' first single, is released in the United Kingdom.

1968 – Police baton civil rights demonstrators in Derry, Northern Ireland, considered to be the beginning of the Troubles.

1969 – Monty Python's Flying Circus is first shown on BBC One.

1970 – The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is founded.

1970 – In Montreal, Quebec, Canada, British trade commissioner James Cross is kidnapped by members of the Front de liberation du Quebec, starting the October Crisis.

1973 – Signature of the European Patent Convention.

1974 – The Guildford pub bombings are carried out by the Provisional IRA, killing 4 British soldiers and 1 civilian.

1984 – Marc Garneau becomes the first Canadian in space.

1986 – Israel's secret nuclear weapons are revealed.

1988 – The Brazilian Constitution is ratified by the Constituent Assembly.

1989 – Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama, wins the Nobel Peace Prize.

1991 – An Indonesian military transport plane crashes after take-off from Jakarta, Indonesia, killing 137, including two on the ground. Only one on board survives.

1992 – Lennart Meri becomes President of Estonia.

1999 – The Ladbroke Grove rail crash in West London kills 31 people.

2000 – Mass demonstrations in Belgrade lead to the resignation of Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic.

2001 – In baseball, Barry Bonds overtakes Mark McGwire's single-season home run record, hitting his 71st and 72nd home runs of the season respectively.

2004 – At 27.25 degrees Celsius, Germany records its warmest October 5th in 125 years.

2011 – Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple Inc., dies aged 56, leading to widespread reaction on social media.

2014 – Formula One racing driver Jules Bianchi suffers serious injuries in a crash at the Japanese Grand Prix, leading to his death in July 2015.

2017 – Allegations of sexual harassment against the film producer Harvey Weinstein are published, starting the #MeToo movement.

2018 – Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad win the Nobel Peace Prize.