


# Today In History – September 12

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Today in History in 1953 John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, Rhode Island.

*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:*

September 12 is the 255th day of the year (256th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 110 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

1185 – Byzantine Emperor Andronikos I Komnenos is brutally put to death in Constantinople.

1309 – First Siege of Gibraltar during the Spanish Reconquista.

1556 – Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor gives up the throne for his brother, Ferdinand I, Holy Roman Emperor.

1609 – Henry Hudson explores the Hudson River.

1683 – Battle of Kahlenberg: Forces of John III Sobieski of Poland surprise Ottoman Empire forces under Kara Mustafa, defeating them decisively.

1689 – Tsar Peter I of Russia assumes absolute power.

1814 – War of 1812: Battle of North Point - An American detachment halts the British land advance to Baltimore, Maryland.

1847 – Mexican-American War: The Battle of Chapultepec begins.

1848 – Switzerland becomes a federal state.

1857 – The ship SS America sinks about 160 miles off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, with 426 people drowning. It was carrying gold from the California Gold Rush

1861 – American Civil War: Battle of Cheat Pike in Virginia.

1885 – Arbroath F.C. 36-0 Bon Accord: This scoreline in Scotland is the highest-recorded in professional football.

1890 – Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe) is founded.

1905 – Japanese battleship Mikasa sinks after a munitions explosion. Out of the 935 men on board, 256 are killed and 343 injured.

1905 – Copenhagen town hall is inaugurated in Denmark.

1906 – Newport Transporter Bridge is opened in Newport, south Wales.

1910 – First performance of Gustav Mahler's Symphony Number 8, in Munich.

1918 – British passenger ship Galway Castle is torpedoed by a German U-boat off Land's End, Cornwall, England, killing 143 people.

1920 – The 1920 Summer Olympics in Antwerp begins.

1928 – A hurricane in Guadeloupe kills 1,200 people.

1933 – Leó Szilárd has the idea of a nuclear chain reaction.

1940 – World-famous cave paintings are discovered in the Lascaux in southern France.

1940 – An explosion at the Hercules Powder Company plant in Kenil, New Jersey kills 51 and injures over 200.

1942 – World War II: RMS Laconia, carrying civilians, Allied soldiers, and Italian POWs, is torpedoed off the coast of West Africa, with a heavy loss of life.

1942 – World War II: First Day of the Battle of Edson's Ridge during the Guadalcanal Campaign. US Marines protecting Henderson Field in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, are attacked by Imperial Japanese forces.

1943 – World War II: Benito Mussolini is rescued from house arrest on the Gran Sasso in Abruzzi, led by German commandos under Otto Skorzeny.

1944 – World War II: American troops enter Germany near Trier.

1948 – Invasion of the State of Hyderabad by the Indian army on the day after the death of Pakistan's leader Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

1949 – Theodor Heuss becomes the 1st President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

1953 – John F. Kennedy marries Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, Rhode Island.

1958 – Jack Kilby demonstrates the first integrated circuit.

1959 – Showing of the first episode of Bonanza, first regularly scheduled television programme presented in colour.

1959 – The Soviet Union launches the Lunik II rocket.

1959 – Heinrich Lübke becomes the 2nd President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

1961 – The African and Malagasy Union is founded.

1964 – The Canyonlands National Park in Utah is created.

1966 – Gemini 11, of NASA's Gemini program, is launched.

1970 – Palestinian terrorists blow up three hijacked airliners in Jordan. Passengers are held at secret locations in the capital city, Amman.

1974 – Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I is deposed in a military coup.

1977 – Anti-Apartheid activist Steve Biko dies in police custody.

1979 – Indonesia is struck by a magnitude 8.1 earthquake.

1980 – A military coup occurs in Turkey.

1988 – Hurricane Gilbert hits Jamaica.

1990 – The Faroe Islands national football team scores a surprise 1-0 win over the Austria national football team. The Faroese players are celebrated as heroes after their return home from the match.

1990 – East Germany's national football team plays its last-ever match, winning 2-0 against the Belgium national football team.

1992 – NASA's Space Shuttle Endeavour is launched on the STS-47 mission. On board are Mae Carol Jemison (first African American woman in space), Mamoru Mohri (first Japanese citizen on a US spaceship), and Mark Lee and Jan Davis (first married couple in space).

1992 – Shining Path leader Abimael Guzman is arrested in Peru, by special forces.

1994 – Frank Eugene Corder crashes a single-engine Cessna 150 light aircraft into the West Wing of the White House in Washington, DC, killing himself.

1999 – Indonesia announces it will allow international peacekeepers into East Timor.

From 2001

2003 – The UN lifts sanctions against Libya.

2003 – US Forces mistakenly shoot and kill eight Iraqi police officers in Fallujah.

2005 – Hong Kong Disneyland opens.

2007 – Former President of the Philippines Joseph Estrada is convicted of plunder.

2008 – The Chatsworth train collision occurs in Los Angeles, California, between a Metrolink commerce train and a Union Pacific Freight train, killing 25 people.

2011 – About 100 people are killed by an oil pipeline explosion in Nairobi, Kenya.

2011 – Russian ice hockey player Alexander Galimov dies, as the 44th, and final, victim of the Lokomotiv Yaroslavl plane crash, which occurred on September 7. The whole team was killed.

2015 – Jeremy Corbyn is elected leader of the British Labour Party.

2015 – An explosion in Petlawad in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh kills at least 105 people.

2018 – The European Parliament votes by a two-thirds majority to trigger possible sanctions (punishments) against the government of Hungary, over issues of democracy, human rights, judicial freedom and journalistic freedom.