

Today In History – September 8

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Today in History in 2022 Queen Elizabeth II dies at the age of 96 and her son, Charles III becomes the King of the United Kingdom and Head of the Commonwealth.

Our on this day in history archives contain over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

September 8 is the 251st day of the year (252nd in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 114 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

70 - Roman forces under Titus sack Jerusalem.

1380 - Battle of Kulikovo: Russian forces defeat a mixed army of Tatars and Mongols, stopping their advance.

1504 – Michelangelo's David statue is unveiled in Florence.

1514 - Battle of Orsha: In one of the biggest battles of the century, Lithuanians and Poles defeat the Russian army.

1565 - The Knights of Malta end the Turkish Siege of Malta that began on May 18.

1665 - Warsaw falls without resistance to a small force under Charles X Gustav of Sweden.

1727 - A barn fire during a puppet show in the village of Burwell in Cambridgeshire, England, kills 78 people, most of them children.

1761 – King George III of the United Kingdom marries Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

1796 - French Revolutionary Wars: The French defeat Austrian forces in Bassano, Venetia, present-day Italy.

1831 – William IV of the United Kingdom is crowned king.

1860 - The steamship Lady Elgin sinks on Lake Michigan, killing around 300 people.

1863 – American Civil War: At the Second Battle of Sabine Pass, the Confederates prevent an attempt from the Union army to enter Texas.

1883 - The Northern Pacific Railway is completed in a ceremony at Gold Creek, Montana, United States.

1888 - Jack the Ripper killings: The body of Annie Chapman is found.

1888 - in England, the first six Football League matches are played.

1892 – The American Pledge of Allegiance is recited for the first time.

1900 – In Galveston, Texas, a hurricane kills around 8,000 people.

1914 - World War I: Private Thomas Highgate becomes the first British soldier to be executed for desertion during the war.

1923 - Honda Point disaster: Nine United States Navy destroyers run aground on the California coast. Seven are lost and 23 sailors are killed.

1926 – Germany is admitted to the League of Nations.

1928 - Uruguay is given the right to host the 1930 FIFA World Cup.

1934 - Off the New Jersey coast, a fire aboard the passenger liner SS Morro Castle kills 135 people.

1935 - United States Senator Huey Long from Louisiana is fatally shot the state's capitol building.

1941 - World War II: The Siege of Leningrad begins.

1943 – World War II: US General Dwight D. Eisenhower publicly announces the allied armistice with Italy.

1944 - London is hot by a V-2 rocket for the first time.

1945 - United States troops arrive to partition South Korea after the Soviet occupation of the northern part.

1962 – Algeria adopts its constitution.

1966 – The First episode of Star Trek airs.

1966 - The Severn Bridge in southwestern England is officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

1974 – Gerald Ford pardons former US President Richard Nixon.

1986 - The Oprah Winfrey Show is broadcast for the first time on US television.

1988 - Yellowstone National Park is closed for the first time in its history due to ongoing fires.

1989 - Partnair Flight 394 crashes in the North Sea, killing 55 people.

1991 – The Republic of Macedonia becomes independent.

1994 - USAir Flight 427, on approach to Pittsburgh International Airport, suddenly crashes, killing all 132 on board.

2004 - NASA's unmanned spacecraft Genesis crash-lands in Utah when its parachute fails to open.

2005 - Two EMERCOM Il-76 aircraft land at a disaster aid staging area at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas - the first time Russia has flown such a mission to North America.

2013 - Eleven people die in a train crash in Iasi County, Romania.

2018 - US Open: Naomi Osaka becomes the first Japanese tennis player to win a Grand Slam title, in a match dominated by her opponent Serena Williams' disputes with the umpire.

2019 - US Open: Rafael Nadal defeats Daniil Medvedev in five sets to win his 19th Grand Slam singles title, putting him just one behind Roger Federer's total of 20.

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2023 - 2023 Marrakesh-Safi earthquake occurs in Morocco.