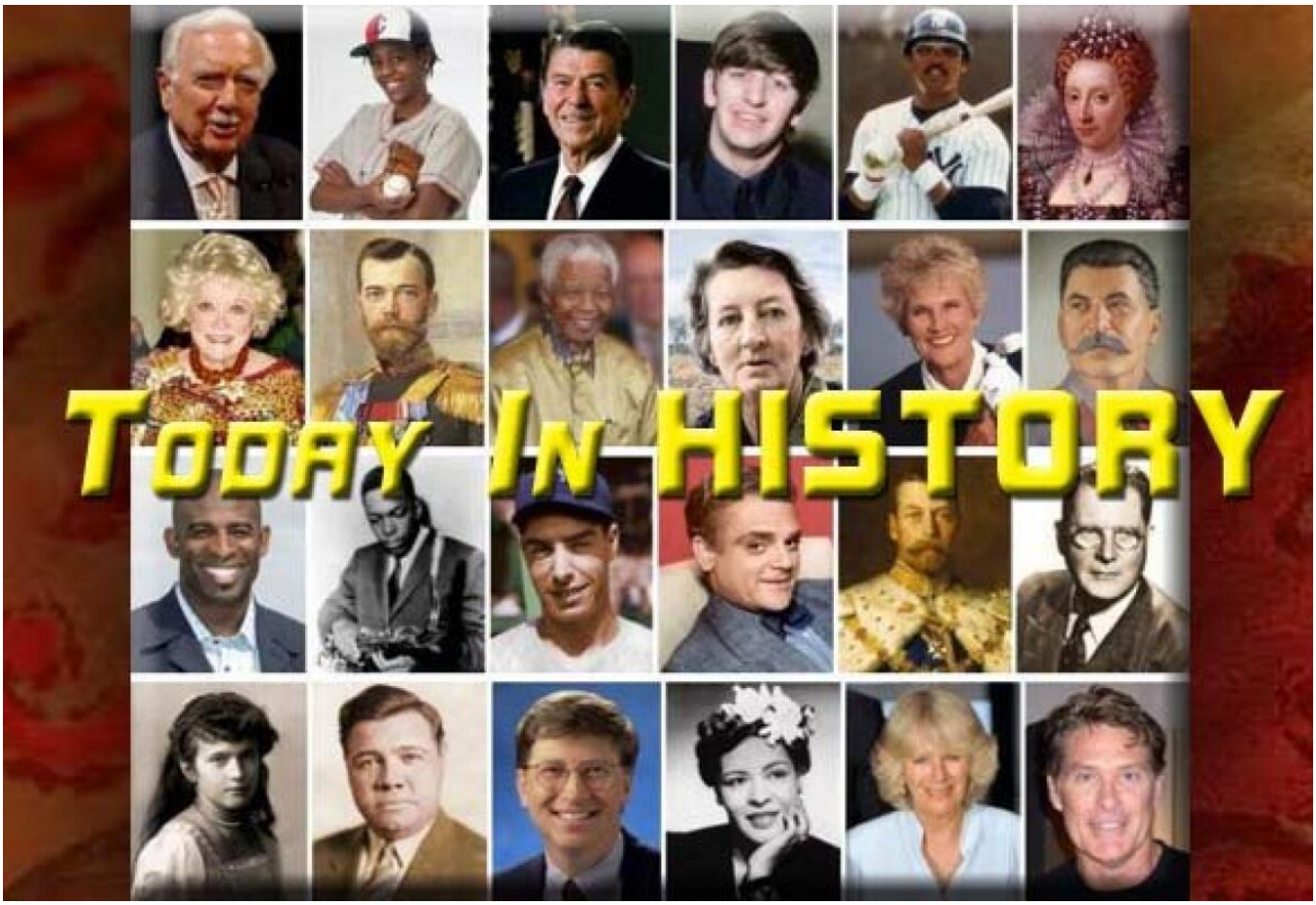



# Today In History – November 30

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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:*

November 30 is the 334th day of the year (335th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 31 days remaining until the end of the year.

**EVENTS**

3340 BC – Earliest believed record of an eclipse.

1700 – Battle of Narva: A Swedish army of 8,500 men under Charles XII of Sweden defeats a much larger Russian army at Narva (present-day Estonia, next to Russian border).

1707 – The Second Siege of Pensacola comes to an end with the failure of the British to capture Pensacola, Florida.

1718 – Charles XII of Sweden dies during a siege of the fortress of Fredriksten, Norway.

1731 – An earthquake in Beijing kills thousands of people.

1782 – American Revolutionary War: Treaty of Paris – In Paris, representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain sign preliminary peace agreements – they later become official in the 1783 Treaty of Paris.

1786 – The Grand Duchy of Tuscany, under the future Leopold II, Holy Roman Emperor, becomes the first modern state to ban the death penalty.

1803 – In New Orleans, Louisiana, Spanish representatives officially transfer Louisiana Territory to a French representative. Just 20 days later, France transfers the same land to the United States as the Louisiana Purchase.

1853 – Crimean War: Battle of Sinop – The Imperial Russian Navy under Pavel Nakhimov destroys the Ottoman Empire fleet under Osman Pasha at Sinop, present-day Turkey.

1864 – American Civil War: Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

1872 – The first-ever international football match takes place at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow on Saint Andrew's Day, between Scotland and England. It ends 0–0.

1886 – The Folies Bergere in Paris stages its first performance.

1908 – 154 miners are killed in a mining explosion in Marianna, Pennsylvania.

1916 – Costa Rica signs the Buenos Aires Copyright Convention.

1920 – Liberato Ribeiro Pinto becomes Prime Minister of Portugal.

1934 – The LNER Class A3 4472 Flying Scotsman becomes the first steam locomotive known to have reached a speed of 100 miles per hour.

1936 – In London, the Crystal Palace is destroyed by fire.

1939 – Winter War: Soviet forces invade Finland and reach the Mannerheim Line, starting the war.

1940 – Actress Lucille Ball marries Desi Arnaz in Greenwich, Connecticut.

1942 – World War II: Battle of Tassafaronga – A smaller squadron of Japanese destroyers led by Raizo Tanaka defeats a US cruiser force under Carleton H. Wright.

1943 – World War II: U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet leader Josef Stalin agree to the planned June 1944 invasion of Europe code-named Operation Overlord.

1953 – Edward Mutesa II, the last King of Buganda, is deposed and exiled to London by Andrew Cohen, British Governor of Uganda.

1954 – In Sylacauga, Alabama, United States, an 8.5 lb (3.86 kg) sulfide meteorite crashes through a roof and hits Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges in her living room after bouncing off her radio. She got a bad bruise. This is the only known case of a human being hit by a rock from space.

1956 – Floyd Patterson becomes heavyweight world boxing champion against Archie Moore.

1958 – French Equatorial Africa splits up into the Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Chad and the Central African Republic, all of which becomes fully independent in 1960.

1966 – Barbados becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

1967 – The People's Republic of South Yemen becomes independent from the United Kingdom.

1967 – Pakistan Peoples Party is founded by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto.

1975 – Dahomey is renamed the "People's Republic of Benin".

1981 – Cold War: In Geneva, representatives from the United States and the Soviet Union begin to negotiate intermediate-range nuclear weapon reductions in Europe (the meetings ended inconclusively on December 17).

1982 – A parcel bomb is delivered to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at 10 Downing Street.

1982 – Michael Jackson releases his hit, "Thriller".

1989 – Richard Mallory of Palm Harbor, Florida becomes serial killer Aileen Wuornos's first victim.

1989 – German banker Alfred Herrhausen is killed by a Red Army Faction bomb. He was a board member at Deutsche Bank.

1993 – Steven Spielberg's movie Schindler's List is first shown, in Washington, DC.

1994 – The ship MS Achille Lauro catches fire off Somalia.

1995 – Official end of Operation Desert Storm.

1995 – Bill Clinton visits Northern Ireland, as the first US president to do so.

1996 – The Stone of Scone is installed at Edinburgh Castle on its official return to Scotland from England.

1998 – Exxon and Mobil sign an agreement to merge.

1999 – British Aerospace and Marconi Electronic Systems merge to form BAE Systems.

2001 – Green River Killer Gary Ridgway is arrested in Renton, Washington, ending a killing spree in which 49 people were murdered.

2004 – Lion Air Flight 538 crash-lands in Surakarta, Central Java, Indonesia, killing 26 people.

2004 – Longtime Jeopardy! champion Ken Jennings of Salt Lake City, Utah finally loses, leaving him with $2,520,700 USD, television's all-time biggest game show haul.

2005 – John Sentamu becomes the first black archbishop in the Church of England when he becomes Archbishop of York.

2006 – Typhoon Durian causes a mud avalanche from the Mount Mayon volcano on Luzon, Philippines, killing 300 people.

2013 – Actor Paul Walker, star of the "Fast and Furious", is killed in a car crash.

2015 – Climate change talks begin in Paris.

2017 – Katrín Jakobsdóttir becomes Prime Minister of Iceland, leading a three-party coalition.