

Today In History – September 13

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Today in History in 1965 Willie Mays becomes the fifth member of the 500 home run club with a home run at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas.

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 13 is the 256th day of the year (257th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 109 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

509 BC – The temple of Jupiter on Rome's Capitoline Hill is dedicated on the ides of September.

81 – Domitian becomes Roman Emperor.

122 – The building of Hadrian's Wall begins.

335 – Emperor Constantine I consecrates the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

533 – Belisarius and the Roman Empire defeat Gelimer and the Vandals at the Battle of Ad Decimium near Carthage, North Africa.

604 – Pope Sabinianus is consecrated.

1440 – Gilles de Rais is taken into custody upon an accusation brought against him by the Bishop of Nantes.

1501 – Michelangelo begins work on his famous statue David.

1541 – John Calvin returns to Geneva after three years in exile, to re-form the Calvinist Church.

1584 – The Spanish royal palace San Lorenzo del Escorial, near Madrid, is completed.

1598 – Philip III of Spain becomes King.

1609 – Henry Hudson reaches the river that will later be named after him – the Hudson River.

1743 – England, Austria and Savoy-Sardinia sign the Treaty of Worms.

1759 – Battle of the Plains of Abraham: British defeat French near Quebec City in the Seven Years' War, known in the United States as the French and Indian War.

1782 – American Revolutionary War: French-Spanish troops launch the unsuccessful "grand assault" during the Great Siege of Gibraltar.

1788 – The United States Constitutional Convention sets the date for the country's first presidential election, and New York City becomes the temporary capital of the U.S.

1791 – King Louis XVI of France accepts the new constitution

1813 – The British fail to capture Baltimore, Maryland. Turning point in the War of 1812.

1843 – The Greek Army rebels against the autocratic rule of King Otto of Greece.

1847 – Mexican-American War: Six teenage military cadets known as Niños Héroes die defending Chapultepec Castle in the Battle of Chapultepec. American General Winfield Scott captures Mexico City in the Mexican-American War.

1848 – American Phineas Gage survives an accident in which an iron pole goes through his head. The resulting change in his behaviour becomes the subject of several scientific studies.

1850 – First successful climb of Piz Bernina, the highest summit in the Eastern portion of the Alps.

1858 – A fire on German passenger steamer Austria kills 471 people.

1862 – Union soldiers find Robert E. Lee's battle plans in a field outside Frederick, Maryland.

1898 – Hannibal Williston Goodwin patents celluloid photographic film

1899 – Henry Bliss is the first person in the United States to be killed in an automobile accident.

1900 – Filipino resistance fighters defeat a larger American column in the Battle of Pulang Lupa, during the Philippine American War.

1906 – First airplane flight in Europe

1914 – During World War I, South African troops open hostilities in German SW Africa (Namibia) with an assault on the Ramansdrift police station.

1914 – World War I: Battle of Aisne begins between France and Germany.

1922 – The temperature (in the shade) at Al 'Aziziyah, Libya reaches a world record 136.4 °F (58 °C), though this measurement was doubted in 2012 and the record given back to the 57 degrees Celsius measured at Death Valley, California in 1913.

1923 – Military coup in Spain – Miguel Primo de Rivera takes over, setting up a dictatorship.

1928 – A hurricane devastates the Caribbean.

1933 – Elizabeth McCombs becomes the first woman to be elected to the New Zealand Parliament.

1939 – Canada enters World War II.

1940 – World War II: German bombs damage Buckingham Palace.

1940 – World War II: Italy invades Egypt.

1941 – Two of the worst tragedies in Norwegian shipping occur. In the Finnmark region, a passenger steamer of the Hurtigruten line is sunk by a British U-boat, killing 99. On the same night, at Vestfjord, a passenger ship is sunk by a British torpedo, killing 112.

1943 – Chiang Kai-shek elected president of the Republic of China.

1948 – Margaret Chase Smith is elected senator, and becomes the first woman to serve in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

1950 – West Germany holds its first census, establishing a population of 47.3 million.

1953 – Nikita Khrushchev is appointed secretary-general of the Soviet Union.

1956 – The dyke around the Dutch polder East Flevoland is closed.

1959 – The Soviet Lunik 2 space probe lands on the moon.

1965 – Baseball: Willie Mays becomes the fifth member of the 500 home run club with a home run at the Astrodome in Houston, Texas.

1968 – Albania leaves the Warsaw Pact.

1970 – First running of the New York City Marathon.

1971 – State police and National Guardsmen storm New York's Attica Prison to end a prison revolt. 42 people die in the assault.

1971 – Frank Robinson becomes the 11th member of the 500 home run club with a home run at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland.

1979 – South Africa grants independence to the "homeland" of Venda (not recognized outside South Africa).

1985 – The Super Mario Bros. video game is released by Nintendo in Japan.

1987 – Goiânia accident: A radioactive object is stolen from an abandoned hospital in Goiânia, Brazil, contaminating many people in the following weeks and leading some to die from radiation poisoning.

1988 – Hurricane Gilbert is the strongest recorded hurricane in the Western Hemisphere (based on barometric pressure).

1989 – Largest anti-Apartheid march is held in South Africa, led by Desmond Tutu.

1991 – A concrete beam weighing 55 tons falls in the Olympic Stadium, Montreal, Canada.

1993 – Public unveiling of the Oslo Accords, an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement initiated by Norway.

1994 – Ulysses probe passes the Sun's south pole.

1996 – After surviving for six days, U.S. rapper/actor Tupac Shakur dies after being shot four times in a drive by shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

1999 – A bomb explodes in Moscow, Russia. At least 119 people are killed.

2001 – Civilian airplane traffic in the U.S., which had been grounded following the September 11, 2001 attacks, is allowed to resume.

2004 – The anime InuYasha finishes its run in Japan with episode 167.

2005 – The Israelis abandon the Gaza Strip.

2005 – Major Japanese Pop group Do As Infinity announces that it's disbanding.

2007 – The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

2008 – Delhi, India is hit by a series of bomb blasts, killing 30.

2008 – Hurricane Ike hits Texas.

2012 – 2012 U.S. diplomatic missions attacks: Protests spread to US diplomatic missions in Yemen, Morocco, Sudan and Yemen, as well as the Swiss Embassy in Tehran, which handles US interests in Iran.

2023 – Israel attacks Syria's west coast, killing two soldiers and injuring six.