



Today in History

September 12, 1913

▲ **U.S. athlete Jesse Owens was born. In a phenomenal career, Owens set numerous world records and won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics**

1818: Richard Jordan Gatling, inventor of the multi-barrelled machine gun named after him, born

1974: Emperor Haile Selassie, ruler of Ethiopia since 1930, was deposed in an army coup

1977: South African black civil rights leader Steve Biko died in police detention in Pretoria

2007: The Burj Dubai at 555.3m became the world's tallest free-standing structure on land