



## Today in History

*November 12, 1812*

▲ Retreating from Moscow the remnants of Napoleon's Grand Armee suffered huge losses, their strength sapped by the Russian scorched earth policy

**1931:** Abbey Road Studios, the world's first custom-built recording studios later immortalised by the Beatles album of the same name, was officially opened

**1859:** The world's first flying trapeze act was performed in Paris by Jules Leotard. His body-hugging costume was later named after him

**1974:** South Africa was suspended from the UN for its apartheid policies

**2011:** The Arab League voted to suspend Syria