



Today in History

July 18, 1918

▲ **Nelson Mandela, the first fully democratically elected President of South Africa, was born in the small village of Mvezo in the district of Umtata in the Transkei**

AD 64: The great fire of Rome destroyed two-thirds of the city

1814: Explorer Matthew Flinders' book, *A Voyage To Terra Australis*, was published. It is credited with bringing the name **Australia** into common use

1817: Influential English novelist Jane Austen, whose works included *Pride and Prejudice*, died

1870: The First Vatican Council declared the **Dogma of Papal Infallibility** in matters of faith and morals