



Today in History

December 31, 1992

▲ **The European Single Market came into being, bringing down trade barriers between countries in the EU to create more jobs and increase overall prosperity**

192: The Roman emperor Commodus, as featured in the 2000 movie hit *Gladiator*, was killed in combat

1968: Russia's supersonic airliner, the Tupolev TU-144, made its maiden flight two months ahead of the Anglo-French Concorde

1991: A peace deal was reached at the UN to end the civil war in El Salvador

2012: The U.S. faced a "fiscal cliff" that could tip the country back into recession