



# Today in History

*January 12, 2010*

▲ **A catastrophic magnitude 7.0 earthquake hit the impoverished Caribbean island of Haiti, killing over 220,000 people and making 1.3 million homeless**

**1875:** Kwang-su, the penultimate Emperor of China, came to the throne when only four years old and reigned until 1908

**1879:** The Zulu War began between the British of the Cape Colony and the natives of Zululand

**2006:** A stampede during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia killed 363 people

**2011:** Devastating floods inundated the state of Queensland in Australia