

A black and white photograph of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay standing on the summit of Mount Everest. They are both wearing heavy mountain climbing gear, including hoods and goggles. Hillary is on the left, smiling, and Norgay is on the right, also smiling and pointing towards the camera. The background shows the rugged, snow-covered peaks of the mountain under a clear sky.

## Today in History

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▲ **New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tensing Norgay, became the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest**

**1453:** Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, was captured by the Turks after a year-long siege

**1985:** Thirty nine Italian football fans died when a wall collapsed amid rioting at Brussels' Heysel Stadium

**1997:** Laurent Kabila was sworn in as president of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire

**2003:** Scientists announced they had cloned the first equine animal, a baby mule born three weeks earlier