



## Today in History

*February 27, 1999*

▲ **Olusegun Obasanjo was elected president of Nigeria as the country continued its transition from military to civilian rule. He went on to serve two four-year terms**

**272:** Roman emperor Constantine the Great was born

**1940:** Carbon-14, a radioactive isotope of carbon which enabled radiocarbon dating, was discovered

**1974:** A new constitution was approved in Sweden, reducing the status of the monarch to a figurehead

**2004:** Japanese doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara was sentenced to death for the fatal 1995 nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway