



Today in History

May 3, 2004

▲ **Air France merged with Dutch airline KLM. It is currently the world's fourth-largest airline, with revenue of 33.8 billion, and carried over 78 passengers in 2013**

1469: Niccolo Machiavelli, Italian statesman and author of *The Prince*, a guide to the use of power, was born

1814: Louis XVIII acceded to the throne of France after 22 years of a republic under Napoleon Bonaparte

1998: The European Central Bank was founded and it was agreed the Euro currency would be introduced in 1999

1999: The body of British climber George Mallory was found on Mount Everest, 75 years after his death