



Today in History

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▲ **Crown Prince Felipe of Spain married former TV news presenter Letizia Ortiz, a divorcee and the first commoner in Spanish history in line to become queen**

1885: Victor Hugo, French poet, dramatist and novelist, died aged 83

1967: A fire at a department store in Brussels, L'Innovation, killed 323

1999: A report from the World Health Organisation revealed that AIDS claimed more lives worldwide in 1998 than any other infectious disease

2001: Delegates from 127 countries outlawed 12 toxic chemicals blamed for causing fatal diseases and birth defects in humans and animals