



## Today in History

*May 24, 1844*

▲ **Samuel Morse transmitted the world's first telegraph message to an associate based 40 miles away. The message was "What hath God wrought?"**

**1809:** Dartmoor prison, built to house French prisoners of the Napoleonic War, opened in southern England

**1954:** IBM announced the creation of electronic valves, a major step in the evolution of modern computers

**1964:** Over 300 people died in a riot at a soccer match in Peru after the referee disallowed a goal for the home side

**1988:** Snow fell on the Syrian desert and Damascus had 10 hours of snowfall for the first time in 50 years