



Today in History

May 8, 1945

▲ **Celebrations took place across Europe and the United States on VE Day (Victory in Europe) to mark the defeat of Nazi Germany after six years of war**

1541: Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River and named it Rio de Espiritu Santo

1880: French author Gustave Flaubert, best known for his novel *Madame Bovary*, died

1955: Victims of the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima arrived in America for plastic surgery

2010: Mohamed Al-Fayed retired as chairman of London's prestigious Harrod's department store