



Today in History

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▲ **The first optical laser (a ruby laser) was demonstrated by Theodore Maiman at the Hughes Research Laboratories in Malibu, California**

1770: The future Louis XVI married 14-year old Marie Antoinette, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa of Austria. Both were guillotined in 1793 during the French Revolution

1888: Nikola Tesla demonstrated his alternating current induction motor

1929: The first Academy Awards were presented in Hollywood

2005: Kuwait's National Assembly passed a law giving women the right to vote and to run for office