



Today in History

May 18, 1980

▲ **The eruption of Mount St Helens in the U.S. state of Washington killed 57 people, took 1,300 feet off the top of the volcano and created a cloud of ash 2,500 miles long**

1990: East and West Germany signed a monetary union treaty, the first step on the road to unification

2006: A landmark bill in Nepal curtailed the power of the monarchy

2007: Deep sea explorers revealed the discovery of the world's biggest maritime treasure trove, of colonial era silver and gold coins, valued at \$500m

2009: Sri Lankan government forces defeated the Tamil Tigers, ending a 26-year civil war