



## Today in History

*May 20, 1570*

▲ Flemish cartographer Abraham Ortelius issued *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas, a book of maps for which copper printing plates were engraved

**1980:** The Canadian province of Quebec voted against a proposal to negotiate independence from Canada

**1983:** French virologist Luc Montagnier first published evidence that the HIV virus leads to AIDS

**1995:** Italian magistrates called for former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi to be tried on charges of corruption

**2010:** U.S. scientists announced the creation of the first artificial lifeform with a synthetic genome