



Today in History

May 23, 1785

▲ Benjamin Franklin revealed he had invented bifocal spectacles, with lenses of two different thicknesses for viewing distant objects as well as near ones

1945: High-ranking Nazi Heinrich Himmler committed suicide a day after being captured by British troops

1960: Adolf Eichmann, fugitive Nazi and key figure behind the Holocaust, was captured in Argentina

1995: Germany's supreme court ruled that former East German spymasters could no longer be prosecuted

2010: An international flotilla set sail for Gaza with 10,000 tons of aid to break a three-year Israeli blockade