



Today in History

June 17, 1631

▲ Mumtaz Mahal, wife of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, died in childbirth. Her grief-stricken husband spent 17 years building her mausoleum, the Taj Mahal

1885: The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York aboard the French ship Isere

1925: The Geneva Protocol, banning the use of poisonous gases in war, was signed by 29 countries

1940: The Soviet Union occupied the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

1985: Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud became the first Arab astronaut when he joined the crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery