



Today in History

July 19, 1900

▲ **The Paris Metro opened.** Europe's second-busiest subway system after Moscow, its Art Nouveau-influenced architecture was designed by Hector Guimard

1976: The Sagarmatha National Park in Nepal, which includes Mount Everest and is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was created

1990: Iraqi troops began massing on the border with Kuwait

2001: Mount Etna began erupting in Sicily, with high speed lava flows threatening the town of Nicolosi

2010: China surpassed the United States to become the world's biggest energy consumer