



Today in History

August 26, 1883

▲ The massive two-day eruption of Krakatoa began. It killed some 36,000 in Java and Sumatra and the explosion was loud enough to be heard in Australia

1346: English infantry using longbows vanquished the French crossbows and armoured knights at the Battle of Crécy

1498: Michelangelo was commissioned to carve the Pieta for St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican

1920: Women in the United States won the right to vote

2001: A diplomatic crisis erupted when Australia refused to accept 400 refugees rescued by a Norwegian ship from a crippled Indonesian ferry