



September 20, 1870

▲ **Italian troops captured Rome, taking control of the Papal States. This led to the unification of Italy, with Rome chosen as the capital of the newly united country**

1519: Ferdinand Magellan set sail from southern Spain on his attempt to circumnavigate the world

1970: The Soviet Luna 16 space probe landed on the moon and collected samples of lunar soil

1990: East Germany's parliament and West Germany's lower house approved the treaty unifying the two countries

2012: Arctic sea ice melted to its lowest ever level since records began in 1979