



Today in History

December 16, 1775

▲ English author Jane Austen was born. Her six novels are noted for their perceptive depiction of contemporary country life, laced with wit, irony, and humour

1850: The Charlotte Jane was the first immigrant ship to arrive in New Zealand

1920: One of history's deadliest earthquakes killed over 200,000 people in China's Gansu province

2000: A stream high in the Andes mountains of southern Peru was confirmed as the exact source of the mighty Amazon River

2010: The International Monetary Fund approved a 22.5bn euro loan to the Republic of Ireland