



Today in History

May 1, 1931

▲ **The Empire State Building was opened in New York. The world's tallest building for nearly 40 years, it was surpassed by the World Trade Center towers in 1970**

1786: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* was first performed in Vienna, Austria

1851: **The Great Exhibition, the world's first international exhibition, opened in London**

1961: Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared the country a socialist nation and abolished elections, the first Communist one-party state in the West

1992: **Turkmenistan switched to a Latin-based Turkish alphabet from the Cyrillic script**