



Today in History

May 8, 1541

▲ Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River. Its name derives from the Native American Ojibwe name Misi-Zibi, meaning Great River

1876: The last full-blood Aborigine from Tasmania, Truganini, died

1886: Coca-Cola went on sale for the first time in Atlanta, Georgia

1889: Australian operatic soprano Dame Nellie Melba made her debut in Paris, as Ophelie in Hamlet

2007: The tomb of King Herod, known for his colossal building projects in Jerusalem and other parts of the ancient world, was discovered by Israeli archaeologists