

A close-up portrait of Bob Marley, looking slightly upwards and to the left. He has long, dark dreadlocks and a goatee. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Today in History

*May 11, 1981*

▲ **Bob Marley, Jamaican singer-songwriter who with his group the Wailers popularised reggae around the world, died of cancer at the age of only 36**

**1811:** The original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng Bunker, were born to Chinese parents in Siam

**1931:** Austria's largest bank, Credit-Anstalt, failed, marking the beginning of the financial collapse of central Europe

**1949:** Siam changed its name to Thailand for the second time. It was first used in 1939 but reverted in 1945

**1956:** Elvis Presley first entered the UK charts with Heartbreak Hotel