



Today in History

May 23, 1618

▲ **The Defenestration of Prague, in which Protestant Bohemian rebels threw Catholic councillors out of a castle window, instigated the Thirty Years War**

1887: Gems from the French Crown Jewels were removed and sold in an attempt to undermine royalists

1993: An American who shot a Japanese exchange student was acquitted by a jury, who accepted that he feared for his life owing to soaring crime rates

1995: The first version of Java was released by Sun Microsystems

2006: A Greek pilot was killed when Greek and Turkish F-16 jets collided