

# GN34094 OTD Week17 Apr 24-30



## Today in History

April 24, 1916

▲ The Easter Rising, an armed rebellion aimed at ending British rule in Ireland, began. It was soon suppressed but eventually paved the way for Irish independence

1923: Sigmund Freud published his seminal paper *Das Ich und das Es* (the Ego and the Id)

2001: An unmanned spy plane completed its flight across the Atlantic

2006: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's attendance at the World Cup

2013: An elderly woman collapsed in a shopping center, killing over 100 people

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## Today in History

April 25, 2015

▲ A magnitude-7.8 earthquake killed over 8,000 people in Nepal, destroyed numerous historic landmarks and triggered a deadly avalanche on Mount Everest

1916: Anzac Day, commemorating the Gallipoli landings, was first marked

1926: Toscanini conducted the first performance of Puccini's *Turandot*



## Today in History

April 26, 1986

▲ The fourth reactor exploded at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine, spreading a radioactive cloud over Europe in the world's worst nuclear disaster

1921: The first motorcycle police patrols went on duty in London

1937: Nazi planes bombed the town of Guernica in the Basque region



## Today in History

April 27, 2006

▲ Construction began on the 1,776ft (540m) Freedom Tower in New York, the centerpiece of the rebuilt World Trade Centre after the destruction of the 9/11 attacks

1521: Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan was killed in the Philippines

1941: German tanks rolled into Athens during World War Two



## Today in History

April 28, 1770

▲ Captain James Cook's ship *Endeavour* reached the east coast of Australia, dropping anchor at Botany Bay, named for the unique specimens collected there

1989: Argentina, hit by hyper-inflation, ran out of money leaving thousands stranded without cash

1992: The body of Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich Romanov, heir to the vacant Russian throne, returned to St Petersburg for burial

2001: U.S. businessman Dennis Tito became the first space tourist

2006: The vast Thera eruption which destroyed Crete's Minoan civilization was dated to between 1627-1600BC

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## Today in History

April 29, 2011

▲ A million people on the streets of London and up to two billion TV viewers worldwide watched the wedding of Britain's Prince William and Catherine Middleton

1975: The last U.S. troops were evacuated from Saigon at the end of the Vietnam War

1992: Riots in Los Angeles followed the acquittal of four white police officers charged with the beating of black motorist Rodney King

1996: An auction of items belonging to the late Jackie Kennedy Onassis raised a grand total of \$34 million

2003: Apple's iTunes Music Store opened on the internet

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## Today in History

April 30, 1916

▲ Daylight saving, advancing the clock by one hour in summer, was first introduced in Germany and Austria to conserve fuel for vital electric power during World War I

1948: The first Land Rover was exhibited at a Dutch motor show

2003: Libya accepted responsibility for the 1998 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which killed 270 people

2009: Chrysler became the first major U.S. automaker to file for bankruptcy

2015: NASA's MESSENGER space probe deliberately crashed into the surface of Mercury after an 11-year mission studying the planet

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