



Today in History

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▲ Facebook, the social network site founded by Mark Zuckerberg, hit one billion users in a single day for the first time, equal to one in seven people on Earth

79: The Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum were destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius

1516: Sultan Selim I defeated the Mameluke army at Aleppo, securing Syria for the Ottoman Empire

2001: Africa's forest and savanna elephants were revealed to be two different species, raising to three the number of living elephant species

2006: Pluto was recategorised as a "dwarf planet"