



Today in History

December 10, 1936

▲ Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Simpson. The abdication came into effect the following day

1868: The world's first traffic lights came into operation in London

1911: Marie Curie received a second Nobel prize for her work on radioactivity

1996: Nelson Mandela signed South Africa's post-apartheid constitution in Sharpeville

2001: The first movie in Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Fellowship of the Ring, had its world premiere in London