



Today in History

December 18, 1916

▲ **French forces finally defeated the Germans at Verdun. The 10-month battle cost more than 250,000 battlefield deaths and a further half million wounded**

1956: Japan was admitted to the UN

1991: The first international project to save the world's rainforests was launched in Brazil

1997: The Tokyo Bay Aqua-Line, a toll expressway across the narrowest part of Tokyo Bay connecting the cities of Kawasaki and Kisarazu, was opened

2009: The infamous Arbeit Macht Frei sign was stolen from Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp where millions were murdered during the Holocaust