



## Today in History

*January 1, 1892*

▲ Ellis Island opened to begin screening immigrants for entry into the United States. Over 20 million immigrants passed through its doors before it closed in 1954

**1502:** Portuguese navigators discovered a large bay on the coast of Brazil and named it Rio de Janeiro

**1912:** The Republic of China was formally established, putting an end to over 2,000 years of Imperial rule

**2002:** The Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalise euthanasia

**2002:** The world's biggest monetary change saw 12 EU countries swap their national currencies for the euro