



## Today in History

*May 20, 1927*

▲ U.S. aviator Charles Lindbergh took off from Long Island for Paris in his plane Spirit of St Louis, becoming the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic

**1873:** Levi Strauss began making Levi's denim jeans, now a staple of wardrobes worldwide but originally designed for miners in the Gold Rush

**1983:** French virologist Luc Montagnier first published evidence that the HIV virus leads to AIDS

**2002:** East Timor gained independence from Indonesia

**2006:** Construction of China's Three Gorges Dam was completed nine months ahead of schedule