



Today in History

July 18, 1817

▲ Influential English novelist Jane Austen, whose work includes *Pride and Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility*, and *Emma*, died at the age of 41

1870: The First Vatican Council declared the Dogma of Papal Infallibility in matters of faith and morals

1877: Thomas Edison recorded the human voice for the first time

2009: Bakers in the Palestinian city of Nablus created the world's biggest kunafa, a local sweet pastry

2016: The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) concluded the Russian government had been involved in an intensive doping programme