

A photograph of the Rainbow Bridge in Tokyo at night. The bridge is illuminated with red, white, and green lights. The Tokyo Tower is visible in the background.

# Today in History

*August 27, 1993*

▲ **Japan's famous suspension bridge across Tokyo Bay opened. The Rainbow Bridge is lit by red, white and green lights using solar energy obtained during the day**

**1939:** The world's first jet-propelled aeroplane, the Heinkel 178, made its first flight in northern Germany

**1964:** The musical film *Mary Poppins*, starring Julie Andrews, was released. It won five Oscars

**2002:** A large marble statue believed to date from the time of the Roman emperor Augustus was discovered at the ancient town of Butrint in Albania

**2007:** Forest fires in southern Greece claimed 67 lives