



## Today in History

*September 10, 480BC*

▲ **King Leonidas of Sparta and 1,000 Greeks were finally beaten by the Persians after three days of stiff resistance at the Battle of Thermopylae**

**1967:** The people of Gibraltar voted overwhelmingly to reject Spanish rule and retain British sovereignty

**1977:** France carried out its last execution by guillotine at a prison in Marseille

**2002:** Switzerland joined the United Nations, breaking with its traditional policy of neutrality

**2009:** The Dubai Metro, the first mass transit system on the Arabian Peninsula, was officially opened