



Today in History

December 6, 1877

▲ **Thomas Edison demonstrated the world's first sound recording, reciting "Mary had a Little Lamb" into his phonograph at his laboratory in New Jersey**

1774: Austria became the first nation to establish a state education system

1917: Finland's independence was secured after being an autonomous Grand Duchy of Russia since 1809

1992: The Swiss voted in a referendum against joining a new 19-nation European free trade zone

1992: Hindu extremists destroyed an historic 16th century mosque at Ayodha, provoking sectarian violence across India