



Today in History

March 12, 1938

▲ **German troops marched into Austria, achieving Austrian-born dictator Adolf Hitler's long-held aim of annexing his homeland to the Third Reich**

1894: The first bottles of Coca-Cola went on sale. Previously available only in fountain sales, it was launched originally as a nerve and brain tonic

1913: Canberra became the official capital of Australia

2003: Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was assassinated in Belgrade

2011: Syria's brutal civil war began as a peaceful protest to the arrest of schoolchildren in Deraa for writing anti-government graffiti on a wall