



Today in History

May 12, 2008

▲ **A powerful 7.9 magnitude earthquake hit the Chinese province of Sichuan, killing around 87,000 people and leaving five million homeless**

1588: The people of France forced Henri III to flee Paris on the “Day of the Barricades”

1885: The linotype machine was patented, replacing hand-set metal letters with entire lines of lead type

2004: The discovery of the Library of Alexandria, thought to be the world’s oldest university, was announced

2016: Brazil’s Senate voted to begin impeachment proceedings against President Dilma Rousseff