



Today in History

May 18, 1291

▲ The last Christian stronghold in the Holy Land fell to the Mamluk Sultan of Egypt, al-Ashraf Khalil. The fall of Acre marked the end of the Jerusalem crusades

1974: India successfully detonated its first nuclear bomb

1980: The eruption of Mount St Helens volcano in the U.S. state of Washington killed 57 people

1993: The people of Denmark voted in a referendum to ratify the Maastricht Treaty, after rejecting it in June 1992

2003: The curtain fell for the final time on the Broadway production of *Les Miserables* after 16 years and 6,680 performances