



Today in History

August 24, 79AD

▲ Long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash and pumice. An estimated 20,000 people died

1968: France exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific, becoming the world's fifth nuclear power

1994: Thousands of Cubans took to the sea to reach Florida before the U.S. ended automatic political asylum

2014: An edition of the 1938 Action Comics #1 was auctioned for a record \$3.2 million

2015: Facebook, the social network site founded by Mark Zuckerberg, hit one billion users in a single day