



Today in History

May 2, 1519

▲ Italian Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci died in France. His extraordinary achievements encompassed scientific invention, sculpture, drawing and painting

1969: The Queen Elizabeth 2 set sail on her maiden voyage to New York

1989: Removal of the security fence between Hungary and Austria allowed East Germans in Hungary to defect to the West

1989: China imposed martial law as pro-democracy demonstrators camped out in Tiananmen Square

1994: President de Klerk conceded victory to Nelson Mandela in South Africa's historic all-race elections