



Today in History

June 17, 1631

▲ **Mumtaz Mahal, wife of Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, died in childbirth. Her grief-stricken husband spent 17 years building her mausoleum, the Taj Mahal**

1939: The last person to be publicly executed in France was guillotined before a large crowd at Versailles

1944: Iceland became independent from Denmark following a referendum

1985: Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud became the first Arab astronaut when he joined the crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery

1994: Former U.S. football star O.J. Simpson, accused of two murders, was arrested after a freeway chase