



## Today in History

*May 8, 1945*

▲ Celebrations took place across Europe and the United States on VE Day (Victory in Europe) to mark the defeat of Nazi Germany after six years of war

**1541:** Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River. Its name is derived from the Native American Misi-Zibi, or Great River

**1876:** The last full-blood Aborigine from Tasmania, Truganini, died

**2003:** The WHO reported that SARS had been found in 31 countries, with new cases in Taiwan and Russia

**2018:** U.S. President Donald Trump quit the nuclear agreement with Iran and reimposed economic sanctions