



Today in History

May 18, 1980

▲ The eruption of Mount St Helens in the U.S. state of Washington killed 57 people, took 1,300 feet off the top of the volcano and created a cloud of ash 2,500 miles long

1974: India became the world's sixth nuclear power when it successfully detonated its first nuclear bomb

1990: East and West Germany signed a monetary union treaty, the first step on the road to unification

2005: It was confirmed that the dwarf planet Pluto had two more moons, Nix and Hydra, making five in total

2009: Sri Lankan government forces defeated the Tamil Tigers, ending a 26-year civil war