



# Today in History

*August 15, 1945*

▲ Millions celebrated VJ (Victory in Japan) Day after Japan's unconditional surrender ended World War II, a global conflict in which over 50 million people died

**1971:** The United States broke from the gold standard

**1990:** Mikhail Gorbachev restored Soviet citizenship to author Alexander Solzhenitsyn

**2000:** 100 Korean families separated by the partition of Korea half a century earlier were reunited as part of the ongoing reconciliation process

**2005:** The government of Indonesia and separatist rebels from Aceh ended nearly 30 years of fighting