

A photograph of Greta Thunberg, a young woman with a long braid, wearing a bright pink shirt. She is sitting in a white plastic chair, holding a piece of paper, and speaking into a microphone. The background is a blue wall with a faint pattern.

## Today in History

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▲ **Greta Thunberg, 16, gave an impassioned speech at the UN Climate Action summit in New York, accusing world leaders of failing to act on climate change**

**1930:** A new era in photography began as the flashbulb was patented

**1940:** The George Cross medal was instituted in Britain to reward civilian acts of courage

**1990:** Swiss citizens voted to ban the construction of nuclear power plants for the rest of the century

**2015:** Volkswagen's chief executive Martin Winterkorn resigned after the company admitted rigging diesel emissions test results