



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**

1972: Five men were arrested trying to bug U.S. Democratic Party offices in Washington's Watergate building

1991: South Africa's white-dominated parliament voted to end race classification, the foundation of apartheid since 1950

2006: The H5N1 strain of avian flu was found for the first time in Hungary

2009: Peru revoked land laws that had led to deadly clashes with indigenous protesters in the Amazon