

A portrait of Peter the Great, a Russian monarch, wearing a green coat, a blue sash, and a gold collar with a crown emblem. He has dark, wavy hair and a mustache.

Today in History

October 22, 1721

▲ **Peter the Great was proclaimed Emperor of all the Russias, dropping the title of Tsar. His extensive reforms established Russia as a great nation**

1987: A rare first edition of a Gutenberg Bible sold for a record \$5.39 million at Christie's in New York

2006: A referendum in Panama overwhelmingly approved a plan to expand the Panama Canal

2011: Prince Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, died at age 80

2019: Emperor Naruhito was formally enthroned as the 126th ruler of Japan