



Today in History

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▲ **The Cumbre Vieja volcano on La Palma in the Canary Islands began to erupt. The eruption lasted for 85 days and forced the evacuation of 7,000 people**

1876: U.S. inventor Melville Bissell patented the first carpet sweeper

1888: The world's first international beauty contest was held in Belgium. It was won by Bertha Soucaret, 18, from Guadeloupe

1982: The emoticons :-) and :- (were first used to distinguish jokes from serious posts on a college notice board

2002: President George W. Bush asked Congress to give him authority to use force against Iraq