



# Today in History

*September 20, 1870*

▲ **Italian troops captured Rome, taking control of the Papal States. This led to the unification of Italy, with Rome chosen as the capital of the newly united country**

**1859:** The first electric stove was patented in the United States. Prior to that wood, coal, or gas was used

**1952:** Alfred Herschey and Martha Chase demonstrated that DNA rather than protein held hereditary data

**1992:** The people of France narrowly voted to approve the Maastricht Treaty by just 51 percent

**1997:** Much of Malaysia and Indonesia was blanketed in thick smog produced by forest fires