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▲ **Ukrainian Cossack leader Bohdan Khmelnytsky accepted the Muscovite Tsar as overlord, thus uniting the newly created state of Ukraine with Russia**

**1944:** The World War II siege of Leningrad was broken after 900 days in which one million civilians died

**1996:** Lisa Marie Presley filed for divorce from Michael Jackson after just 20 months of marriage

**2003:** Emperor Akihito of Japan underwent prostate surgery, the first time such an event was reported openly

**2005:** The “superjumbo” Airbus A380, capable of carrying as many as 850 passengers, was unveiled