



Today in History

May 1, 1931

▲ **The Empire State Building was opened in New York. The world's tallest building for nearly 40 years, it was surpassed by the World Trade Center towers in 1970**

1753: Botanist Carolus Linnaeus first named plants systematically according to their genera and species

1928: The Flying Scotsman made its first non-stop journey from London to Edinburgh

1961: Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared the country a socialist nation and abolished elections

2003: President Bush announced the end of combat operations in Iraq from the deck of an aircraft carrier