



Today in History

May 18, 1291

▲ The last Christian stronghold in the Holy Land fell to the Mamluk Sultan of Egypt, al-Ashraf Khalil. The fall of Acre marked the end of the Jerusalem crusades

1804: Napoleon Bonaparte was proclaimed Emperor of France

1980: The eruption of Mount St Helens in the U.S. took 1,300 feet off the top of the volcano and created a cloud of ash 2,500 miles long

1993: The people of Denmark voted in a referendum to ratify the Maastricht Treaty, after rejecting it in June 1992

2009: Sri Lankan government forces defeated the Tamil Tigers, ending a 26-year civil war