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▲ Flemish cartographer Abraham Ortelius issued *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas, a book of maps for which copper printing plates were engraved

1873: Levi Strauss began making Levi's denim jeans, originally designed for miners in the California Gold Rush

1943: Chiang Kai-shek was elected President of the Republic of China, which later retreated to Taiwan

1983: French virologist Luc Montagnier first published evidence that the HIV virus leads to AIDS

2006: Construction of China's Three Gorges Dam was completed nine months ahead of schedule