



Today in History

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▲ A reconstruction of the Globe theatre opened in London with Shakespeare's *Henry V*, some 400 years after the play was first staged at the original Globe

1703: Peter the Great founded the city of St Petersburg to give Russia a seaport to improve trade with Europe

1900: Belgium became the first country to elect a government by proportional representation

1937: Over 200,000 people walked across San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge on its opening day

1986: *Dragon Quest*, credited as the original model for role-playing video games, was released in Japan