

The Mona Lisa painting by Leonardo da Vinci, showing a woman with a subtle smile against a hazy, mountainous landscape.

Today in History

August 21, 1911

▲ **Leonardo da Vinci's portrait of the Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris by Italian waiter Vincenzo Perruggia. It was recovered in 1913**

1944: U.S., British, Russian and Chinese representatives met to plan the formation of the United Nations

1959: Hawaii was proclaimed the 50th state of the United States

1991: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was returned to power two days after being overthrown in a coup

2014: The Bank of America agreed to pay over \$16bn for risky mortgage-backed securities sold before the 2008 recession