



## Today in History

*September 11, 1999*

▲ Tennis star Serena Williams won the U.S. Open tournament at Flushing Meadows, achieving a first Grand Slam victory ahead of her elder sister Venus

**1850:** Famous operatic soprano Jenny Lind, known as the “Swedish Nightingale”, gave her first concert in the U.S.

**1952:** The first artificial aortic valve, made of Flexiglas, was fitted into the heart of a 30-year-old patient

**1984:** A report revealed that British servicemen were deliberately exposed to radiation during the 1950s and 60s

**2001:** Hijacked aircraft crashed into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon