



# Today in History

*October 22, 2004*

▲ **President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan opened a vast mosque in his birthplace, Kipchak, featuring inscriptions from his own writings as well as the Koran**

**1789:** Martial law was imposed in France at the start of the French Revolution

**1844:** Legendary French actress Sarah Bernhardt, renowned for her portrayal of tragic heroines, was born

**1964:** Jean-Paul Sartre refused a Nobel Prize for Literature, saying it would reduce the impact of his writing

**1987:** A rare first edition of a Gutenberg Bible sold for a record \$5.39 million at Christie's in New York