

TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 1st, 1587

Queen Elizabeth I signs the death warrant for her cousin, Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 2nd, 1863

Samuel Clemens uses the pen name Mark Twain for the first time in the Virginia newspaper the "Territorial Enterprise."



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 3rd, 1783

Spain recognizes American independence from England.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 4th, 1861

Jefferson Davis is elected the President of the Confederacy during the American Civil War.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 5th, 1631

The founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, arrives in Boston from England.



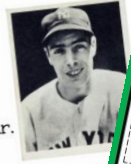
TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 6th, 1952

Queen Elizabeth II succeeds King George VI to the British throne.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 7th, 1949

Joe DiMaggio becomes the first baseball player to earn \$100,000/year.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 8th, 1622

King James I disbands the English Parliament.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 9th, 1825

John Quincy Adams is elected the 6th president of the United States.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 10th, 1824

Simon Bolivar is named the dictator of Peru by the Congress of Peru.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 11th, 1776

The Stamp Act is declared unconstitutional in Virginia.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 12th, 1502

Vasco da Gama sets sail from Lisbon, Portugal on his second voyage to India.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 13th, 1633

Galileo Galilei arrives in Rome to face the Inquisition for professing the belief that the Earth revolves around the Sun.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 14th, 1929

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago occurs; 7 gangsters were killed, allegedly on Al Capone's orders.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 15th, 399

The philosopher Socrates is sentenced to death in Athens for corrupting the minds of the youth and for impiety.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 16th, 1959

Fidel Castro names himself Cuba's premier, after overthrowing Fulgencio Batista.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 17th, 1801

The U.S. House of Representatives chooses Thomas Jefferson for President over Aaron Burr.



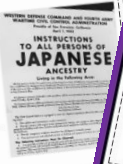
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FEBRUARY 18th, 1861

King Victor Emmanuel II of Sardinia becomes the first king of Italy.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 19th, 1942

President Franklin D. Roosevelt orders the detention and internment of all west-coast Japanese-Americans.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 20th, 1975

Margaret Thatcher is elected leader of the British Conservative Party.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 21st, 1885

The Washington Monument is dedicated.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 22nd, 1900

Hawaii becomes a United States territory.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 23rd, 303

Roman Emperor Diocletian begins his policy of persecuting Christians.



TODAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY 24th, 1821

Mexico gains independence from Spain.

