



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 1st, 1913
 Ford Motor Company begins the world's first assembly line for the Model T.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 2nd, 1804
 Napoleon Bonaparte is crowned Emperor of France in Paris.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 3rd, 1847
 Frederick Douglass publishes the first issue of his newspaper, "North Star."



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 4th, 1918
 President Woodrow Wilson leaves for the Versailles Peace Conference in France. He is the first President to travel outside of the U.S. while in office.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 5th, 711
 Charlemagne becomes sole King of the Franks after his brother, Carloman, dies.



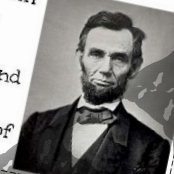
TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 6th, 1923
 President Calvin Coolidge makes the first Presidential address broadcast on radio.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 7th, 1912
 A bust of Queen Nefertiti is found in El-Amarna, Egypt.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 8th, 1863
 President Lincoln issues his Amnesty Proclamation and plan for the Reconstruction of the South.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 9th, 1868
 The first traffic lights are installed outside the Palace of Westminster in London.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 10th, 1520
 Martin Luther publicly burns the papal edict demanding that he recant.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 11th, 1936
 Edward VIII announces via radio broadcast that he is abdicating the British throne to marry Wallis Simpson.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 12th, 1474
 Isabella of Spain crowns herself queen of Castile and Aragon.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 13th, 1577
 Sir Francis Drake leaves England to circumnavigate the world.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 14th, 1542
 Mary Stuart succeeds her father James V and becomes Queen Mary I of Scotland at 6 days old.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 15th, 1916
 The French defeat the Germans in WWI at the Battle of Verdun.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 16th, 1653
 Oliver Cromwell is appointed Lord Protector of England, Scotland, and Ireland.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 17th, 1538
 Pope Paul II excommunicates King Henry VIII of England.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 18th, 1271
 Kublai Khan renames his empire "Yuan," marking the beginning of the Yuan Dynasty of China.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 19th, 1783
 At age 24, William Pitt the Younger becomes the youngest British Prime Minister.




TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 20th, 1192
 Richard the Lionhearted is captured in Vienna.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 21st, 1898
 French scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discover radium.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 22nd, 1882
 Thomas Edison creates the first string of Christmas tree lights.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 23rd, 1815
 Jane Austen's "Emma" is published by John Murray in London.



TODAY IN HISTORY
 DECEMBER 24th, 1777
 James Cook discovers Kiritimati, or, Christmas Island.

