



Discover the impactful and Major Historical Events on May 16, shedding light on how our past has influenced the present.

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Samuel Johnson and His Biographer - 1763 AD

In London, Samuel Johnson encountered James Boswell, who later published the renowned biography, *Life of Johnson*, in 1791.

Royal Union: Marie-Antoinette and Louis XVI - 1770 AD

Marie-Antoinette entered into matrimony with the future King Louis XVI of France.



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William H. Seward: Architect of Alaska's Purchase - 1801 AD

William H. Seward, an American politician best remembered for the acquisition of Alaska in 1867 during his tenure as U.S. Secretary of State (1861-69), was born in Florida, New York.

Birth of the Nickel - 1866 AD

The U.S. Congress enacted legislation for a five-cent piece made of nickel and copper, which came to be known as the nickel.

Senate Acquits President Andrew Johnson - 1868 AD

The initial of two pivotal votes occurred in the Senate impeachment trial of U.S. President Andrew Johnson, who was eventually acquitted of all charges.



Joan of Arc Canonized - 1920 AD

Joan of Arc, France's national heroine, was canonized as a saint by Pope Benedict XV.



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Inaugural Academy Awards - 1929 AD

The first Academy Awards ceremony took place, with Janet Gaynor and Emil Jannings winning the best actress and actor awards, respectively.

Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Quelled - 1943 AD

On this day in 1943, Nazi troops suppressed the monthlong Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, where Polish Jews, led by Mordecai Anielewicz and the Jewish Fighting Organization, resisted deportation to the Treblinka extermination camp.



Birth of Gymnast Olga Korbut - 1955 AD

Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut, who enchanted audiences at the 1972 Munich Olympics with her charm, youth, and petite stature, winning three gold medals, was born in Belorussia (now Belarus).

Military Coup in South Korea - 1961 AD

The military assumed control in South Korea, toppling the Second Republic as General Park Chung-Hee took over government operations, dissolved the National Assembly, and enforced a strict political activity ban.



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The Beach Boys' *Pet Sounds* - 1966 AD

The American rock band the Beach Boys released their masterpiece *Pet Sounds*, a bittersweet collection of songs reflecting on the pains of unrequited love and other coming-



of-age experiences.

Junko Tabei's Everest Triumph - 1975 AD

Junko Tabei of Japan, with Ang Tsering of Nepal, became the first woman to conquer the summit of Mount Everest.

Top Gun Launches Tom Cruise's Stardom - 1986 AD

The action blockbuster *Top Gun* premiered in American theaters, catapulting Tom Cruise to international fame.

Nicolas Sarkozy's Presidential Tenure - 2007 AD

French politician Nicolas Sarkozy was inaugurated as President of France; after losing the 2012 election, he became only the second president in the Fifth Republic's history (established in 1958) to fail in a reelection attempt.



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The Death of I.M. Pei - 2019 AD

Chinese-born American architect I.M. Pei, celebrated for his large and elegantly designed urban buildings and complexes, passed away at the age of 102.

Sri Lanka Faces Critical Petrol Shortage and Financial Crisis - 2022 AD

Sri Lanka is on the brink of running out of petrol, with only a day's supply remaining. The newly appointed Prime Minister, Ranil Wickremesinghe, has announced that the country also lacks the funds necessary to pay its 1.4 million civil servants.

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