

**Today in History:** May 23 has witnessed pivotal moments that have shaped our world. Let's delve into some Major Historical Events on May 23.

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### Joan of Arc's Capture - 1430 AD

Joan of Arc was captured by Burgundians near Compiègne, France, on May 23, 1430. Her capture led to her trial and execution, making her a martyr and a symbol of French resistance.

## The Defenestration of Prague - 1618 AD

The Defenestration of Prague on May 23, 1618, was a pivotal event triggered by religious conflict. It involved the throwing of two Catholic officials out a window, which helped spark the Thirty Years' War.





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## Victory at the Battle of Ramillies - 1706 AD

On May 23, 1706, the Allied forces, led by the Duke of Marlborough, secured a decisive victory over the French at the Battle of Ramillies. This battle marked a turning point in the War of the Spanish Succession.

### Birth of Carolus Linnaeus - 1707 AD

Swedish botanist and explorer Carolus Linnaeus was born on May 23, 1707, in Råshult. He revolutionized biological classification by establishing a system for naming and categorizing organisms.

## Benjamin Franklin Announces His Invention of Bifocals - 1785 AD

On May 23, 1785, Benjamin Franklin proudly announced his invention of bifocals, revolutionizing vision correction. By combining lenses for both near and distant vision into a



single frame, Franklin's bifocals provided a practical solution for those with presbyopia, transforming the lives of countless individuals who struggled with their eyesight.

### Italy Enters World War I - 1915 AD

On May 23, 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary, joining World War I on the side of the Allies. This decision shifted the balance in the conflict and contributed to the eventual defeat of the Central Powers.



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## Death of Bonnie and Clyde - 1934 AD

Notorious outlaws Bonnie and Clyde were killed in a police shoot-out near Gibsland, Louisiana, on May 23, 1934. Their deaths marked the end of a notorious crime spree during the Great Depression.



#### China's Annexation of Tibet - 1951 AD

On May 23, 1951, China formally annexed Tibet, designating it an autonomous region. This action led to ongoing Tibetan independence movements, spearheaded by the Dalai Lama, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

### Release of The Shining - 1980 AD

The horror classic The Shining, directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, was released on May 23, 1980. The film, based on Stephen King's novel, became a cult classic.

## Eminem's The Marshall Mathers LP - 2000 AD

American rapper Eminem released The Marshall Mathers LP on May 23, 2000. The album became the fastest-selling rap album in history, solidifying Eminem's place in music history.





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John Nash, an American mathematician celebrated for his work in game theory and a Nobel laureate, died on May 23, 2015, at the age of 86. His life was famously depicted in the film "A Beautiful Mind."

New York City Bids Farewell to Its Last Public Payphones - 2022 AD New York City has officially removed its last public payphones, with the final units being taken down in Midtown Manhattan. This marks the end of an era for a once-essential communication tool that has become obsolete in the age of smartphones.

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