

Today In History – November 6

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Today in History the following were elected President of the United States: 1860 Abraham Lincoln; 1900 William McKinley; 1928 Herbert Hoover; 1956 Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected to serve a second term; 1984 Ronald Reagan is elected to serve a second term; and in 2012 Barack Obama is elected to a second term.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

November 6 is the 310th day of the year (311th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 55 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

355 - Roman Emperor Constantius II promotes his cousin, Julian the Apostate, to the rank of Caesar.

1429 – Henry VI becomes King of England.

1528 - Shipwrecked Spanish conquistador Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca becomes the first-known European to set foot in what is now Texas.

1789 - Pope Pius VI appoints Father John Carroll as the first Roman Catholic bishop in the United States.

1844 – The first Constitution of the Dominican Republic is adopted.

1860 – Abraham Lincoln is elected President of the United States.

1861 – Jefferson Davis is chosen as President of the Confederate States of America.

1869 - In New Brunswick, New Jersey, the first inter-college game in American football takes place. Rutgers University defeats Princeton University 6-4.

1880 - Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran discovers the malaria parasite called "Plasmodium falciparum".

1888 – Benjamin Harrison is elected President of the United States.

1900 – William McKinley is elected to serve a second term as President of the United States, of which he is only able to serve 6 months, as he is fatally shot by Leon Czolgosz the following September.

1913 – Mahatma Gandhi is arrested after leading a march of Indian miners in South Africa.

1917 - World War I: The Third Battle of Ypres in Belgium ends.

1918 – The Second Polish Republic is proclaimed.

1928 – Herbert Hoover is elected President of the United States, defeating Al Smith.

1936 - Spanish Civil War: The Spanish government relocates to Valencia from Madrid.

1939 - World War II: The "Sonderaktion Krakau" takes place, as the Gestapo arrests 184 professors in Krakow.

1941 - World War II: Soviet leader Joseph Stalin addresses the Soviet Union for only the second time during his rule.

1942 - World War II: German U-boat U 68 sinks British passenger ship City of Cairo, killing 104 people.

1943 - World War II: The Red Army recaptures Kiev.

1944 – The element Plutonium is created.

1947 – The American TV show Meet the Press debuts.

1956 – Dwight D. Eisenhower is elected to serve a second term as President of the United States.

1956 - Building work on the Kariba Dam on the Zambezi River in Southern Africa begins.

1957 - Félix Gaillard becomes Prime Minister of France.

1962 – The UN General Assembly condemns South Africa's Apartheid policy, encouraging its members to break-off military and economic ties with the country.

1963 – Duong Vanh Minh takes over the leadership of South Vietnam.

1965 - Cuba and the United States formally agree to begin an airlift for Cubans who want to go to the United States.

1975 - Green March: 300,000 unarmed Moroccans converge on the southern city of Tafarya and wait for a signal from King Hassan II to cross into Western Sahara.

1977 - The Kelly Barnes Dam, located above Toccoa Falls Bible College near Toccoa, Georgia, US, fails, killing 39 people.

1978 – Franz Josef Strauss is elected Minister-President of Bavaria.

1981 - Larry Holmes becomes Boxing Heavyweight World Champion, defeating Renaldo Snipes.

1982 – Paul Biya becomes President of Cameroon.

1984 – Ronald Reagan is elected to serve a second term as President of the United States. His challenger Walter Mondale only managed to win in Minnesota and Washington, DC.

1985 – Leftist Guerrillas in Colombia seize control of the Palace of Justice in Bogota, killing 115 people, including 11

Supreme Court Justices.

1985 - Anibal Cavaco Silva becomes Prime Minister of Portugal.

1985 – Iran-Contra Affair: The American press reports that Ronald Reagan had authorised arms shipments to Iran.

1986 – Joaquim Chissano is chosen to succeed Samora Machel, who had been killed in a plane crash, as President of Mozambique.

1986 – Alex Ferguson becomes the manager of Manchester United. He serves for over 26 1⁄2 years, until May 2013.

1986 - Sumburgh Disaster: British International Helicopter Boeing 234LR Chinook crashes into the sea to the east of Sumburgh Airport, at the southernmost point of Shetland. 45 people are killed.

1991 – Leningrad is renamed St. Petersburg.

1991 – The KGB no longer exists from this date.

1995 – In Antananarivo, the former residence of sovereign rulers of Madagascar, is destroyed by fire.

1999 – Voters in Australia decide to keep Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom as their head of state.

1999 - In Berlin, American Bryan Berg builds the world's biggest card house, at 7.71 meters tall, with 91,800 playing cards, at 131 levels high.

2001 – Michael Bloomberg is elected Mayor of New York City.

2001 - TV Series 24 is first shown.

2004 – A train collides with a stationary car at a level crossing near the village of Ufton Nervet in southern England, killing 7 people.

2005 – The Evansville Tornado of 2005 kills 25 people in northwestern Kentucky and Southwestern Indiana.

2005 – The Burmese military leaders begin moving government ministries from Rangoon to Pyinmana-Naypidaw.

2012 - Barack Obama is elected to a second term as President of the United States, defeating his Republican Party challenger Mitt Romney.

2012 - Tammy Baldwin becomes the first openly gay politician to be elected to the United States Senate.

2012 - Puerto Rico holds a referendum on its future status, with indications of a majority vote in favour of becoming the 51st US State.

2018 - Mid-term elections are held in the United States: The Democrats gain control of the House of Representatives and also gain some state governorships; the Republicans keep their majority in the Senate.