THIS MONTH IN HISTORY: OCTOBER

United States



October 1, 1890 — Yosemite National Park Is Established
Congress established Yosemite National Park, protecting spectacular forests, mountains, and valleys in California's Sierra Nevada.



October 14, 1947 — First Supersonic Flight
Chuck Yeager piloted the Bell X-1 faster than the speed of sound, completing the first confirmed supersonic flight.



October 24, 1861 — The Transcontinental Telegraph Is Completed
A telegraph line connected the eastern and western United States, allowing messages to travel across the country in minutes rather than weeks.



October 28, 1886 — The Statue of Liberty Is Dedicated
The Statue of Liberty was dedicated in New York Harbor. A gift from France, it became an enduring symbol of freedom and immigration.

World



October 4, 1957 — Sputnik 1 Launches
The Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite, marking the beginning of the Space Age.

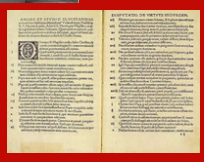


October 14, 1066 — The Battle of Hastings
William, Duke of Normandy, defeated King Harold II of England. The Norman victory reshaped English politics, culture, and language.

October 24, 1945 — The United Nations Is Established
The United Nations officially came into existence when its founding Charter took effect, creating a new international organization for peace and cooperation.



October 31, 1517 — Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation
Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses challenged practices of the Catholic Church and became a landmark event in the Protestant Reformation.



Quick Quiz

Which story feels closest to everyday life? Explain.
Which event changed the world the most? Pick one story and explain why.

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