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1 JANUARY

In 1999, the Euro was introduced, and three years later, in 2002, banknotes and coins were put into circulation.

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3 JANUARY

In 1987, Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," became the first female singer to be added into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

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10 JANUARY

David Bowie, famous for hits like "Space Oddity" and "Heroes," passed away in 2016 at 69, leaving a lasting musical legacy.

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11 FEBRUARY

Whitney Houston, who sold over 220 million records, passed away in 2012. In 2023, Rolling Stone named her the second greatest singer of all time.

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9 MARCH

Born in 1964, Juliette Binoche is an acclaimed French actress, winning an Academy Award for "The English Patient" and a César Award for "Three Colors: Blue". She is a well-known figure in global cinema.

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4 APRIL

Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated during a civil rights movement rally in 1969 in Memphis.

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5 APRIL

Tiger Woods wins the 2001 Masters Tournament, making him the first golfer to simultaneously hold four major golfing trophies.

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8 APRIL

In 1941, the British fashion designer Vivienne Westwood was born. Westwood is known for bringing the punk music style of the 1970s into the world of fashion.

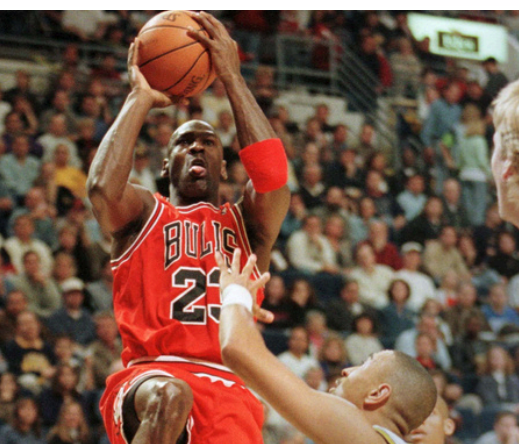
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10 APRIL

In 1998, the Good Friday Agreement was signed with Northern Ireland's Head of State. Negotiated by the British and Irish governments, the agreement signified the start of power-sharing between unionists and nationalists

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16 APRIL

At age 40, Michael Jordan, widely regarded as the best player in the history of basketball, played his last game in the National Basketball Association in 2003.

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25 APRIL

Liberation Day in Italy on April 25th marks the end of Nazi and Fascist rule in 1945, celebrating Italy's liberation and transition to democracy.

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29 APRIL

American country singer and songwriter Willie Nelson was born in 1933. He has become an iconic figure in country music, known for hits like "On the Road Again" and "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain."

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8 MAY

David Attenborough is born in 1926. Attenborough, a prominent broadcaster, continues to be a tireless advocate for environmental causes. He has inspired generations to protect our planet's ecosystems.

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10 MAY

Nelson Mandela is inaugurated as president after being freed from prison. Mandela, who became South Africa's first black president at the age of 77 in 1994, helped end the apartheid system of racial segregation in South Africa.

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29 MAY

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay become the first climbers to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

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14 JUNE

The Falklands War ends in 1982. This conflict was a ten-week undeclared war between Argentina and the United Kingdom in 1982, over two British dependent territories in the South Atlantic.

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18 JUNE

On June 18, 1942, Paul McCartney, a founding member of *The Beatles*, was born. His influential contributions to music have left an enduring imprint on global culture.

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1 JULY

The first Tour de France took place in 1903. Initially begun to help increase sales for a French newspaper, 'L'Auto', it is now considered one of the most famous sporting events in the world.

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5 JULY

Dolly the sheep is born in 1996. Scientists at Scotland's Roslin Institute became the first to successfully clone a mammal.

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9 JULY

The first Wimbledon tennis tournament took place in 1877. There was only one event with just 22 participants. This has since grown to over 250.

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14 JULY

NASA flies by Pluto for the first time in 2015. NASA's spacecraft New Horizons becomes the first human-made object to observe the dwarf planet Pluto.

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25 JULY

Louise Joy Brown, the first "test-tube baby," is born through in vitro fertilization (IVF) in 1978. IVF is now one of the most popular options to help many conceive.

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28 JULY

Martin Luther King Jr. made the famous "I Have a Dream" speech during a march in Washington DC in 1963. His leadership was crucial in passing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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28 AUGUST

Apollo 11 moon landing occurs in 1969. This marked the beginning of many future visits to the moon which were previously unthinkable.

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31 AUGUST

Princess Diana's anniversary, following her death in 1997. Princess Diana re-invented the role of royalty, going beyond her duties, particularly in the realms of HIV/AIDS awareness and mental health. She continues to be an inspiration for many.

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4 SEPTEMBER

On the 4th of September 1981, the American singer and performer Beyoncé was born. Beyoncé is globally renowned, having sold over 200 million records worldwide.

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8 SEPTEMBER

The late Queen Elizabeth II dies aged 96 after 70 years on the throne in 2022. Queen Elizabeth was the longest reigning British monarch.

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11 SEPTEMBER

In 2001, the tragic 9/11 bombings reshaped history, being the deadliest terrorist attack in American history.

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19 SEPTEMBER

The first ever Glastonbury festival was held on 19 September 1970 at Worthy Farm. This festival is now one of the largest music festivals in the world, hosting around 200,000 people each year.

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3 OCTOBER

East and West Berlin were finally reunited in 1990, having been separated for over 45 years. The anniversary of this reunification marks a pivotal moment in history, symbolising the end of decades of division.

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8 OCTOBER

Jesse Jackson was born on this day in 1941. Jackson went on to become one of the most influential activists on civil rights issues within America and around the world.

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13 OCTOBER

Margaret Thatcher, often referred to as the 'Iron Lady', was born in 1925. Thatcher was the British prime minister from 1979-1990, making her the first and longest serving female British prime minister.

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23 OCTOBER

Renowned football player Pele was born in 1940. Pele is widely recognised as one of the best players in the history of the sport, having won three FIFA World Cups.

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4 NOVEMBER

Matthew McConaughey, born in 1969, is a celebrated American actor known for his diverse roles, from romantic comedies to award-winning dramas like "Dallas Buyers Club."

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18 NOVEMBER

Canadian author Margaret Atwood, most commonly known for her novel; 'The Handmaids Tale', was born in 1939. This novel has won several literary awards and critical acclaim,

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22 NOVEMBER

Mike Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion in boxing history in 1986. He continues to be considered as one of the greatest heavyweight champions.

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26 NOVEMBER

Renowned singer Tina Turner, later known as the 'Queen of Rock and Roll', was born in 1939. Turner went on to sell over 100 million records worldwide and won 12 Grammy awards.

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1 DECEMBER

Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus in 1955. This brave act resulted in a 381 day bus boycott led by Martin Luther King Jr, and later changes to civil rights laws.

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18 DECEMBER

In 1946, the American filmmaker Steven Spielberg was born. Spielberg is best known for his movies such as "Jaws," "E.T.," and "Schindler's List," which have earned him numerous awards and cemented his legacy in cinema history.

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26 DECEMBER

Born in 1984, LeBron James quickly rose to become one of the NBA's standout talents. Today, he is awarded the status of one of the greatest players in the sport's history

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