



Moments in time

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• On **June 22, 1611**, after a winter spent trapped by ice in what is now northeastern Canada's Hudson Bay, the starving crew of the Discovery launched a mutiny against their captain, English navigator Henry Hudson, setting him, his teenage son, and seven of his supporters adrift in a small open boat. They were never seen again.

• On **June 23, 1956**, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected the first president of the Republic of Egypt. Nasser had overthrown the country's monarchy four years earlier, in a military coup, and was the sole candidate on the ballot. His new constitution, making Egypt a one-party socialist state with Islam as its official religion, was also almost unanimously approved by voters.

• On **June 24, 1374**, a "dancing plague" swept through Germany, causing medieval villagers to writhe and whirl uncontrollably and leaving many people in a state of exhausted collapse in the streets or dead from heart attacks and strokes. The cause is still unknown, though ergot poisoning, mass hysteria and religious devotion have all been suggested.

• On **June 25, 1910**, Congress passed the Mann Act, which was ostensibly intended to keep young women from being enticed into prostitution, but was more about a way to make various types of consensual sexual activity a crime.

• On **June 26, 1948**, American and British pilots began delivering food, water, clothing, medicine and fuel by airplane to Berlin after the city was isolated by a Soviet Union blockade. Some in President Harry Truman's administration had called for a military response to the blockade, but Truman believed such an action could incite another world war.

• On **June 27, 1985**, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials decertified the iconic Route 66, which in its heyday stretched about 2,400 miles over a span of eight states from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, and voted to remove all its highway signs.

• On **June 28, 2007**, the bald eagle was removed from America's List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.