



Moments in time

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• On **Oct. 19, 1216**, England's King John (younger brother to Richard the Lionhearted) died of dysentery at Newark Castle during a civil war with his barons and was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Henry III, just over a week later. The boy was crowned with a simple golden band belonging to his mother because the royal crown had been lost.

• On **Oct. 20, 1910**, the cork-centered baseball, invented and patented by Benjamin F. Shibe, executive director and part owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, made its debut in the World Series between the Athletics and the Chicago Cubs.

• On **Oct. 21, 1867**, the Medicine Lodge Treaty was signed. Consisting of three treaties following talks attended by more than 5,000 prominent chiefs and warriors near Medicine Lodge, Kansas, its aim was to bring peace by relocating Native Americans to reservations in Indian Territory.

• On **Oct. 22, 2018**, actress Selma Blair revealed that she'd been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. In her book "Mean Baby: A Memoir of Growing Up," Blair recounted how the announcement by doctors, after years of incorrectly attributed symptoms, "felt like giving birth" and gave her an overwhelming sense of relief.

• On **Oct. 23, 1947**, Gerty and Carl Cori became the first spouses to win a joint Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, for their discovery of how the body breaks down, builds up and stores glycogen as an energy source.

• On **Oct. 24, 1901**, her 63rd birthday, widowed American schoolteacher Annie Edson Taylor became the first person to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel, accompanied by her lucky heart-shaped pillow. Sadly, while she wrote a memoir and briefly earned money talking about her experience, she ended up dying penniless and in poor health at age 82.

• On **Oct. 25, 1920**, Greece's King Alexander died at age 27 from wounds he received after a Barbary macaque attacked and bit him several times a few weeks earlier, as he walked on the grounds outside the castle with his dog. The monkey had first gone after the dog, and the king had stepped in to separate the animals.