

Why would I use this database?

Use Facts.com to answer questions about events, issues, statistics and people of the last 60+ years. Find what happened on a particular [date. Facts.com](http://date.Facts.com) has five main sections and two subsections. **Click** to choose:

- **World News Digest – 1940-2004**

Information comes from the print publication *Facts On File World News Digest* that covers new stories, with emphasis on factual content, from 1940 to the present.

- **World News Special Features**

- **Reuters News** - hourly updates of international headlines plus a two-week archive.

- **Issues & Controversies On File**

Published twice a month since 1995; covers all points of view on each issue; graphs, historical and statistical information

- **Today's Science**

Information comes from the print publication *Today's Science On File*; published monthly since 1992 that covers the latest discoveries in science, technology, medicine and the environment with diagrams, charts and maps.

- **The World Almanac Reference Database (tab says World Almanac Database)**

Most text of World Almanacs since 1999 plus additional material; This Day in History feature.

- **The World Almanac Encyclopedia**

Information from the *Funk & Wagnall's Encyclopedia* plus additional material.

The menu on the **left** of the Home Page also has **WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY?**

How do I search this database?

The first screen you see is for World News 1940-Present. **Type** your **search term(s)** in the **full-text search box** on the **left**. For better results, put **quotation marks** around phrases and proper names. Terms will be connected automatically by **AND**. You may also search using **OR** and **NOT**.

To limit your search to words found in article titles, **click** the **Search Title Only box**.

Click a **button** to **sort results** by Story Date or Relevance Rank.

Select one or **more databases** to search.

Limit searches by date by picking **From:** and **To:** dates.

Scan from top to bottom on the left and right sides of each database's Home Page to see all the options. There are too many to list here!

There are three ways to search Facts.com:

- **Keyword Search** – From the Home Page, **type a search term** into the **full-text search box** to read stories relating to your topic. Use this search for proper names, organizations, and movie or book titles.
- **Index Search** – **Click Indexes** on the **right side** in Issues & Controversies, Today's Science, World Almanac or World Almanac Encyclopedia for broad subject searching.
- **Topic Search** – Each database's Home Page lists different topics to search on the **right side**. In World News Digest, you will see:
 - **Today's News**
 - Reuters news feed with two-week archive

Top News Stories 1940-2004

2000-2004 1960-1969
1990-1999 1950-1959
1980-1989 1940-1949
1970-1979

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Canadian Top Stories (1941-Present)
Country Profiles
Historic Documents
Historic Event Overviews (1940-Present)
Issues in the News
Newsmaker Profiles
Newspaper Editorials
Obituaries (1980-2003)
Research Features
World Heads of State & Government Leaders
World Press Links

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Photos, Charts & News Maps

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How do I enter terms?

When you enter more than one word, Facts.com will automatically connect the words with "and." You may use "or" and "not."

Use quotation marks around phrases or proper names for better results (e.g., "Michael Jordan" will not return results on all Michaels or all Jordans).

If you get an error message, try again by putting quotation marks around your search terms.

The wildcard character * within a word directs the search engine to find variants of the search term (e.g., medic* will search for medic, medics, medical, medicine, medicate, medically, medication, etc.).

How do I read the results?

Click the **title** of the article to read it.

Results from *Facts On File World News Digest* are returned either chronologically by the most recent event or in order of relevance, whichever you have chosen. The headlines for each entry are displayed. The number of hits is displayed in blue at the top of the list. You may click the numbers at the bottom of the results list to jump to subsequent pages.

How do I save or print the results?

To save the article to a disk, **click File, select Save as, click the box next to Save in box, select 3 1/2 Floppy A:, click Save.**

To print the article, **click File, select Print, click Print.**

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