

On This Day: October 22

Eight events on Oct. 22, from 1797 to 2014 · years ago counted from Oct. 22, 2026 · for classrooms and history buffs

1797	First recorded parachute jump André-Jacques Garnerin drops from a balloon over Paris with a silk parachute.	229 years ago
1836	Sam Houston takes office in Texas Inaugurated as the first elected president of the Republic of Texas.	190 years ago
1883	Metropolitan Opera House opens Opening night in New York City with Gounod's "Faust."	143 years ago
1938	First xerographic copy Chester Carlson and Otto Kornei print "10-22-38 ASTORIA" in Queens.	88 years ago
1962	JFK's Cuban missile crisis address Kennedy reveals Soviet missile sites in Cuba and a naval quarantine.	64 years ago
1975	First photo from the surface of Venus The Soviet lander Venera 9 returns the first image from another planet's surface.	51 years ago
1981	Air traffic controllers' union decertified Federal authorities decertify PATCO after its August strike.	45 years ago
2014	Attack on Parliament Hill, Ottawa Cpl. Nathan Cirillo is killed at the National War Memorial.	12 years ago

Which event would you research further, and why?

Sources: Texas State Historical Association; American Presidency Project (UC Santa Barbara); The Henry Ford; American Physical Society; NASA; Guinness World Records; EBSCO Research Starters; The Canadian Encyclopedia.