



## Fun Facts: The Month of May

According to the early Roman calendar, May was the third month. Later, the ancient Romans used January as the first month and therefore, May became the fifth month with a consistent 31 days.

The birthstone for the month of May is the Emerald.

The birth flower for May is the Lily of the Valley.

The Kentucky Derby always occurs on the first Saturday of May each year.

On May 1, 1931, the Empire State Building officially opened for the first time.

On May 14, 1804, the great American explorers Lewis and Clark explorers began their trip up the Missouri River.

On May 27, 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge opened in San Francisco.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Zombie Awareness Month and National Military Awareness Month.

George Clooney, Tina Fey, and Brooke Shields were born in May.

May was first named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth.

Fun Facts from <http://www.famousbirthdays.com/facts-about-may.html>



The Golden Gate Bridge opened in San Francisco (image via google.com)



Lily of the Valley (image via google.com)