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On This Date

1876 – Alexander Graham Bell answered the world’s first long-distance telephone call in Paris, Ontario, from his father at the Bell homestead in Brantford, about eight miles (13 km) away. Soon after, Bell offered to sell the telephone patent outright to Western Union for \$100,000. The president of Western Union balked, believing that the telephone was nothing but a toy. Two years later, he said he would consider it a bargain if he could get the patent for \$25 million.

1948 – Allen Funt’s television classic *Candid Camera* debuted.

1972 – A daylight meteor streaked across the sky from Utah to Alberta, Canada. The fireball, traveling at about 33,000 mph, came within 35 miles (57 km) of Earth.

Did You Know?

Tootsie Rolls were introduced in 1896 by Leo Hirshfield. He named them after his daughter, whose nickname was “Tootsie.”



Quote of the Day

“I don’t write about adolescence. I write about war. For adolescents.”

~ *Suzanne Collins*

Happy Birthday!

Suzanne Collins, born in 1962, is the best-selling author of *The Hunger Games* trilogy and *The Underland Chronicles*. A native of Connecticut, Collins got her start writing for children’s television, including *Little Bear* and *Clarissa Explains It All*. She came up with the concept for *The Hunger Games* while channel surfing between reality TV shows



and coverage of war, as well as drawing inspiration from the Greek myth *Theseus and the Minotaur*. This year, Collins released the much-

anticipated prequel to the trilogy: *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*.