



Today in History

June 15, 1752

▲ Benjamin Franklin conducted his famous kite experiment, proving that lightning was electricity and so lightning conductors on houses could reduce house fires

1843: Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, who wrote the incidental music for Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*, was born

1846: The 49th parallel was established as the border between Canada and the United States

1860: Florence Nightingale started her School for Nurses in London

2007: The world's longest rail tunnel on land, the 34km Lötschberg Base Tunnel through the Swiss Alps, was opened