



Today in History

October 4, 1957

▲ **The Soviet Union launched the space race when the world's first man-made satellite, Sputnik, blasted into orbit 500 miles above the Earth**

1675: Dutch astronomer, Christian Huygens patented the first pocket watch

1952: The first external heart pacemaker, to control the body's heartbeat, was fitted

1992: The Mozambique government and rebel leaders signed a ceasefire to end the 16-year civil war

2004: The rocket plane SpaceShipOne blasted into space and won the \$10m Ansari X prize