



# Today in History

*October 31, 1982*

▲ **London's Thames Barrier, the world's second-largest movable flood barrier (after the Oosterscheldekering in the Netherlands) became operational**

**1888:** A Scottish inventor, John Boyd Dunlop, patented a pneumatic bicycle tyre

**2000:** The first full-time residents of the International Space Station blasted off in a Soyuz rocket from Kazakhstan

**2008:** Libya paid the U.S. \$1.5 billion in compensation for past terrorist attacks, so diplomatic ties could normalize

**2010:** Dilma Rousseff became the first female President of Brazil