



Today in History

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▲ The space shuttle Atlantis touched down at the Kennedy Space Centre at the end of the 135th and final flight of NASA's space shuttle programme

1796: Scottish poet Robbie Burns, whose work immortalised the humble haggis, died at the early age of 37

1816: Baron Paul Julius von Reuter, founder of the news agency that bears his name, was born in Germany as Israel Beer Josaphat

1904: The Trans-Siberian railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed

2007: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the final book in the series, sold over 11 million copies in the first 24 hours