



## Today in History

*August 3, 2011*

▲ **The trial of Hosni Mubarak began in Cairo. He was wheeled in on a hospital bed to face charges of corruption and complicity in the killing of protesters**

**1492:** Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain on his first voyage to the New World

**1858:** English explorer John Speke discovered that Lake Victoria was the source of the River Nile

**1954:** Colette, one of the most influential French woman novelists of the 20th century, died

**2008:** Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who made the world aware of the Gulag labour camps, died