



## Today in History

*January 26, 1788*

▲ The first European settlers in Australia, led by Captain Arthur Phillip and including 700 convicts sentenced to transportation from England, landed in present-day Sydney

**1875:** American inventor George F. Green of Kalamazoo, Michigan, patented the electric dental drill

**1931:** In India, Mahatma Gandhi was released from prison to hold talks with the government during his civil disobedience campaign

**1939:** Franco's forces captured Barcelona during Spain's Civil War

**2010:** Filmmaker James Cameron's sci-fi blockbuster *Avatar* became the highest-grossing film of all time