



## Today in History

*October 14, 2012*

▲ Skydiver Felix Baumgartner, from Austria, made the highest ever freefall, travelling faster than the speed of sound after jumping from a balloon 39km high

**1988:** Egypt's Naguib Mahfouz became the first Arabic-language writer to win the Nobel prize for literature

**1988:** Research suggested Napoleon could have died from arsenic in the wallpaper of his room in St Helena

**1991:** Bulgarians celebrated the end of the Communist Party's grasp on power

**2004:** Vladimir Putin and Hu Jintao signed an agreement demarcating the 4,345km (2,700-mile) border between Russia and China