



Today in History

November 14, 1863

▲ Belgian-born U.S. chemist Leo Baekeland, inventor of Bakelite, was born. Bakelite was the first synthetic plastic able to hold its shape after being heated

1925: The first exhibition of Surrealist paintings opened in Paris, France

1963: An undersea volcanic eruption created a new island, called Surtsey, off the Icelandic coast

1983: The first U.S. Cruise missiles arrived in England amid protests from peace campaigners

2008: India's Chandrayaan-1 unmanned lunar exploration mission successfully landed on the south pole of the Moon