



Today in History

January 4, 1809

▲ **Louis Braille**, French inventor of the reading system for the blind, was born. Blind from the age of three, he began developing his raised-dot system at age 12

1960: Albert Camus, Algerian-born existentialist author and Nobel laureate, died in a car accident

1999: In its first day of trading, the euro made immediate gains against the U.S. dollar and British pound

2007: Scientists reported evidence of lakes of liquid methane, ranging from 1-100km wide, on Saturn's moon Titan

2010: The Burj Khalifa, at 825 metres the tallest structure ever built, was opened in Dubai