



Today in History

June 8, 2004

▲ For the first time since 1882 observers were able to witness the Transit of Venus, when the tiny black silhouette of the planet moves across the disc of the sun

1637: René Descartes published his Discourse on the Method, influential in the evolution of natural sciences

1949: George Orwell published his novel Nineteen Eighty-Four, warning of the dangers of totalitarianism

1969: Spain closed its border with Gibraltar after Britain refused to hand over the colony

2002: World heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis famously saw off the challenge of Mike Tyson