



Today in History

February 18, 1745

▲ **Count Alessandro Volta** was born. The Italian physicist, after whom a unit of electricity was named, invented the first electric battery in 1800

1885: Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* was first published

1915: Germany blockaded England using submarines in World War I

1960: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay set up a Latin American Free Trade Association

2005: NASA reported detecting a burst of light energy from interstellar space so powerful that it was greater than the total energy emitted from the sun in 150,000 years