



Today in History

March 6, 1980

▲ **Belgian-born French author Marguerite Yourcenar, best known for her novel, *Mémoires d'Hadrien*, became the first woman writer elected to the Academie Francaise**

1475: Italian Renaissance painter, sculptor and architect Michelangelo Buonarotti was born

1900: Gottfried Daimler, motor engineer who improved the engine and made the first motorcycle, died

2005: Moldova's ruling Communist Party retained control in its elections

2010: Icelanders rejected a plan to pay 3.8 billion euros to Britain and the Netherlands as compensation for the collapse of Icesave bank