



## Today in History

*August 29, 2005*

▲ **Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast. At least 1,800 people died, many in New Orleans which suffered 80% flooding after the city's levees failed**

**1825:** Portugal formally recognised the independence of Brazil

**1885:** Gottlieb Daimler patented the world's first motorcycle in Germany

**1965:** America's Gemini V spacecraft splashed down after an eight-day flight, doubling the U.S space-flight record set by Gemini IV, thanks to new fuel cells that generated enough electricity to power longer missions

**1975:** Ireland's elder statesman, Eamon de Valera, died