



## Today in History

*January 28, 1986*

▲ **The Challenger space shuttle exploded 72 seconds after lift-off, killing all seven astronauts on board, including school teacher Christa McAuliffe**

**1896:** An English motorist was the first person convicted of speeding after driving at 8mph in a 2mph area

**1939:** Nobel prizewinning German chemist Otto Hahn revealed he had discovered how to split the atom

**1997:** In South Africa, five former police officers acknowledged killing black activist Steve Biko while in custody

**2011:** A painting of the Madonna and Child by Titian sold for \$16.9 million, a new auction record for the artist