



Today in History

February 8, 1931

▲ **James Dean, actor and cult hero who personified teenage rebellion in films such as *East of Eden* and *Rebel Without a Cause*, was born as James Byron**

1974: The crew of the final Skylab mission returned to Earth after 84 days on America's first manned space station

2006: The virulent H5N1 strain of avian influenza, or bird flu, was found on a chicken farm in Nigeria

2006: An intact tomb dating back over 3,300 years was uncovered in Egypt's Valley of the Kings

2012: Scientists successfully drilled down to Lake Vostok, a lake sealed 3km beneath the Antarctic