



## Today in History

*March 1, 1498*

▲ **Vasco da Gama discovered what is now Mozambique during his voyage to India, a voyage that paved the way for Portugal to establish a colonial empire in Asia**

**1966:** The Soviet space probe Venera 3 crash-landed on Venus, becoming the first manmade object to impact the surface of another planet

**1996:** U.S. researchers transmitted a trillion bits of information a second through an optical fibre

**1998:** Titanic became the first film to gross over \$1 billion worldwide

**2003:** Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, alleged mastermind of the 9/11 terror attacks, was captured in Pakistan