



Today in History

September 16, 1966

▲ The new Metropolitan Opera House at the Lincoln Centre in New York opened with the world premiere of Samuel Barber's **Antony and Cleopatra**

1630: The Massachusetts village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston

1996: Romania and Hungary signed a treaty to end a centuries-old rift and work towards membership of NATO and the European Union

2001: The inaugural Kings Cup Elephant Polo Tournament was staged in Thailand

2009: Venezuela and China agreed a \$16bn oil exploration deal allowing China to drill in the Orinoco basin