



Today in History

October 18, 1916

▲ **The Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed when the Amur bridge opened north of the border with China. Construction began in 1891**

1871: British mathematician Charles Babbage, who pioneered the forerunner of the computer, died

1961: The film version of **West Side Story** was released, and went on to win **10 Academy Awards**

1999: The first complete specimen of the extinct woolly mammoth was dug out of the icy wastes of northern Siberia

2001: Several U.S. government offices closed after 30 employees tested positive for anthrax