



Today in History

December 28, 1908

▲ Up to 100,000 people were killed when the most destructive earthquake in European history reduced Messina, Sicily's second city, to rubble

1869: William Finley Semple, a dentist from Ohio, was the first person to receive a patent for chewing gum

1972: Kim Il-sung was elevated to the newly-created post of President of North Korea

1992: Over 400,000 coal workers were laid off in a bid to nationalise China's energy industry

2009: Russian premier Vladimir Putin launched an oil pipeline in the East-Siberia-Pacific Ocean