



Today in History

January 6, 1852

▲ **Louis Braille**, French inventor of the system that enables the blind and visually impaired to read, died of tuberculosis. He himself was blinded in a childhood accident

1412: According to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy, France

1953: Phenytoin was approved for use as an anti-epileptic drug in the United States

2001: Congress confirmed George W. Bush as the winner of the most drawn-out presidential election in U.S. history

2014: A polar vortex shattered temperature records across the U.S. and Canada, with some areas as low as -37C, colder than Mars