



Today in History

January 26, 1788

▲ **The first European settlers in Australia, led by Captain Arthur Phillip and including 700 convicts transported from England, landed in present-day Sydney**

1827: Peru ended its union with Colombia and declared independence

1904: A fire at the National Library in Turin, founded in 1720, destroyed thousands of books and manuscripts

1994: The West Bridge, part of the Great Belt Fixed Link between Denmark's two largest islands of Zealand and Funen, was completed

2007: UK retail giant Tesco opened its first own-brand supermarket in Beijing, China