



Today in History

March 11, 2011

▲ A magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, killing around 18,500 people, wiping out entire towns and triggering a major nuclear emergency

105: Chinese court official Ts'ai Lun invented paper from pressed and dried layers of tree bark, remnants of hemp, cloth rags and fishing nets

1702: England's first successful daily newspaper, the Daily Courant, was launched

1845: English baker Henry Jones patented self-raising flour

1990: Lithuania became the first Soviet Republic to declare its independence from the Soviet Union