



Today in History

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▲ **Pope Francis began a visit to Cuba and the U.S., highlighting his role as a peace-broker between the two countries since the start of his pontificate**

1888: The world's first beauty contest took place in Belgium

1991: Cave paintings discovered in southern France were found to be over 27,000 years old

2005: North Korea agreed in principle to abandon its nuclear weapons programme in return for economic help

2009: Two German cargo ships became the first western commercial vessels to travel between Asia and Europe via the Russian Arctic