



Today in History

May 25, 2008

▲ **NASA's Mars Phoenix Lander touched down near the north pole of Mars on a mission to discover whether the region could once have supported primitive life**

1953: The United States successfully fired the first atomic artillery shell into the atmosphere

1963: The Organisation of African Unity was established at a summit of African states in Addis Ababa

1994: Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia after 20 years in exile in the West

2014: Eurosceptic and far-right parties made big gains in elections to the European Parliament