



Today in History

August 18, 1938

▲ **The Thousand Islands Bridge, in reality five bridges over the St Lawrence River between the U.S. and Canada, was dedicated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt**

1868: French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium after analysing the solar spectrum

1958: Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel *Lolita*, about a sexually precocious 12-year old girl, was published in the United States

2003: Ma Li Hua of Singapore toppled 303,621 dominoes, then a world record

2005: A massive power outage on the Indonesian island of Java affected almost 100 million people