



Today in History

February 8, 1904

▲ **The Russo-Japanese War began with a surprise torpedo attack by the Japanese, which inflicted heavy damage on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur**

1995: French scientists published evidence that Stone Age man burned coal as a fuel 74,000 years ago

1999: World leaders, including long-standing enemies, attended the funeral of King Hussein of Jordan

2006: The virulent H5N1 strain of avian influenza, or bird flu, was found on a chicken farm in Nigeria

2012: Scientists successfully drilled down to Lake Vostok, a lake sealed 3km beneath the Antarctic