



Today in History

August 17, 1962

▲ **Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. He bled to death in the most notorious case in the history of the wall**

1945: George Orwell's satirical novel *Animal Farm* was published

1999: Planet Hollywood, a restaurant chain backed by three high-profile movie stars, filed for bankruptcy

2004: Serbia reinstated the coat of arms and national anthem it used before 1918, when the country became part of Yugoslavia

2009: Japan announced its economy had returned to growth, as had four other of the world's top 10 economies