



Today in History

August 30, 1939

▲ The first British children were evacuated from London as war with Germany loomed closer. The plan was to protect them from the risk of aerial bombing of the city

1901: Scotsman Hubert Cecil Booth patented the vacuum cleaner

1999: Over 98 percent of voters in East Timor turned out to vote in a UN-sponsored referendum on independence from Indonesia

2001: The first euro notes and coins were unveiled

2009: The Democratic Party of Japan won a landslide election victory, ending over 50 years of Liberal Democrat rule