



Today in History

December 11, 1719

▲ **The first recorded sighting in the United States of the aurora borealis occurred in New England. The oldest known auroral citing was written in China in 2600BC**

1769: The Venetian blind, using wooden slats to control the amount of light let into a room, was patented

1910: The neon lamp, generating light by passing an electric current through a tube containing neon, was first displayed at the Paris Motor Show

1989: Hong Kong began forcibly repatriating Vietnamese boat people

2018: A gunman killed five people in the busy Christmas market in Strasbourg, France