



Today in History

January 9, 1960

▲ **Construction work began in Egypt on the Aswan High Dam, to control the annual Nile floods, provide water for irrigation and to generate hydroelectricity**

1816: The Davy safety lamp was introduced to reduce explosions in coal mines caused by flammable gases

1863: London's first underground train left Paddington station on its inaugural passenger journey

2007: Apple boss Steve Jobs introduced the hugely anticipated iPhone

2008: India's Tata Motors launched the world's cheapest production car, the Tata Nano, in Delhi