



Today in History

December 8, 1980

▲ **Former Beatle John Lennon was shot dead outside his home in New York City. Lennon was just 40 years old, and today is the 40th anniversary of his death**

1660: A woman first appeared in a play on a public stage in England. Formerly men played both male and female roles

1995: The Baltic state of Lithuania formally applied for membership of the European Union

2000: The five-man crew of the space shuttle became the first visitors to the International Space Station

2010: SpaceX launched the first commercially-developed spacecraft to return to Earth from orbit