

An illustration of the Pioneer 10 spacecraft in space. The spacecraft is a complex of various instruments, including a large circular dish antenna, several smaller antennas, and a long boom with a camera at the end. It is set against a backdrop of a bright, orange-hued celestial body, likely the Sun, and a dark, star-filled sky.

Today in History

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▲ **The U.S. spacecraft Pioneer 10 became the first man-made object to leave the solar system, after passing Jupiter and clearing the orbit of Neptune**

1900: The Boxer Rebellion, dedicated to ousting foreigners, began in China

1956: Real Madrid won the first European Cup soccer final in Paris

2007: Bomb blasts destroyed the twin minarets of the Askariya mosque in Iraq, one of the holiest sites in Shia Islam, a year after its famous golden dome met a similar fate

2008: Irish voters rejected the EU Treaty of Lisbon in a referendum, a decision reversed a year later