



## Today in History

*July 20, 1951*

▲ **King Abdullah I of Jordan was assassinated in Jerusalem by a Palestinian gunman motivated by fears that the king would make a separate peace with Israel**

**1960:** The USS George Washington made the first test launch of a Polaris missile from a submerged submarine

**1976:** The unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking 1 touched down on Mars after an 11-month journey from Earth

**1999:** A crackdown against the spiritual practice of Falun Gong saw thousands arrested across China

**2012:** A gunman opened fire at a midnight premiere of a Batman movie in Colorado, killing 12 people