



Today in History

August 5, AD 25

▲ Guangwu became emperor of China, restoring the Han Dynasty after the fall of the short-lived Xin Dynasty. The Han Dynasty is seen as a golden age in Chinese history

1891: American Express cashed the first ever traveller's cheque

1901: Peter O'Connor set the first IAAF recognised long jump world record of 24ft, 11.75in (7.6137m). The record stood for 20 years

2006: Turkey began constructing a dam in the south-east, despite fears it would flood the ancient city of Hasankeyf

2012: A rover spacecraft, Curiosity, landed on Mars looking for evidence that conditions were once fit for life