



# Today in History

*August 11, 1956*

▲ U.S. artist Jackson Pollock, who led the Abstract Expressionist movement and introduced the technique of pouring paint on to canvas, died in a car accident

**1952:** King Hussein succeeded to the throne of Jordan. His 46-year reign was a force for stability in the Middle East

**1965:** The Watts riots erupted in Los Angeles. Six days of violence left 35 dead and caused \$200m in damages

**1999:** The U.S. state of Kansas dropped the theory of evolution from the school science curriculum

**2016:** A scientific study revealed that Greenland sharks can live for at least 400 years