



# Today in History

*January 5, 1592*

▲ **Mughal emperor Shah Jahan was born. He was emperor from 1628, and built the Taj Mahal in memory of his favourite queen, Mumtaz Mahal**

**1953:** *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett, with its revolutionary lack of plot, was first staged in Paris

**1972:** **U.S. President Nixon signed a bill instructing NASA to begin research on a manned space shuttle**

**2002:** Afghan officials said the Taliban had surrendered but its leader, Mullah Muhammad Omar, had escaped

**2005:** **The dwarf planet Eris, named after the Greco-Roman goddess of strife and discord, was discovered**