



# Today in History

*January 31, 2020*

▲ **The UK formally left the European Union. The bitterly divisive Brexit process was set in motion by a 2016 referendum in which 52% voted to leave the EU**

**1961:** The chimpanzee Ham became the first great ape in space during a 16-minute suborbital test flight

**1962:** The Organisation of American States, meeting in Uruguay, adopted a resolution to expel Cuba

**1982:** A curfew was imposed in Gdansk, Poland, following riots over price increases

**2007:** India's TATA Steel bought the Anglo-Dutch Corus Group to become the world's fifth largest steel maker