



## Today in History

*September 15, 2007*

▲ **Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia**

**1928:** The antibiotic penicillin was discovered by Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming

**1952:** The European Parliament came into being, based in Strasbourg, France

**2017:** The Cassini spacecraft plunged into Saturn's atmosphere at the end of a historic 20-year mission

**2021:** A U.S.-UK-Australia security pact angered France which lost a \$90bn submarine contract