



## Today in History

*October 4, 1957*

▲ **The Space Race began when the Soviet Union launched the world's first man-made satellite, Sputnik 1, into orbit. It completed 1,440 orbits over 21 days**

**1675:** Dutch astronomer Christian Huygens patented a pocket watch which greatly increased accuracy of timekeeping

**1878:** The first Chinese embassy opened in the United States

**1952:** The first external heart pacemaker, to control the body's heartbeat, was fitted

**2010:** A human settlement estimated to be 49,000 years old was found in Papua New Guinea