



Today in History

October 7, 1952

▲ **Russian President Vladimir Putin was born. A dominant figure in politics since 2000, he turns 70 in a year that will be remembered for his invasion of Ukraine**

1913: American automobile pioneer Henry Ford introduced a moving assembly line to speed up production

1949: The German Democratic Republic, known as East Germany, with Berlin as its capital, was proclaimed

1952: The now ubiquitous barcode, originally resembling a bullseye with concentric circles, was patented

2009: A vast new ring was identified around Saturn, 50 times more distant than the inner rings