



Today in History

December 21, 1968

▲ **Apollo 8 was launched on the first manned flight around the moon, on which the astronauts captured the iconic “Earthrise” photograph**

1846: The first surgical operation in Britain under anaesthesia, using ether, was performed in London

1913: The first crossword puzzle was published in the weekend edition of the New York World

1937: Walt Disney’s first full length animated colour feature, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, opened

2007: Nine more European Union nations scrapped passport checks under the Schengen accord