



Today in History

August 11, 1956

▲ U.S. artist Jackson Pollock, who led the Abstract Expressionist movement and introduced the technique of pouring paint on to canvas, was killed in a car crash

1903: The first U.S. patent for instant coffee was issued to Satori Kato, who had previously invented soluble tea

1988: Al-Qaeda was founded by Osama bin Laden

2015: Google announced it was reorganising under a new holding company, Alphabet, to separate its website from other operations

2016: A scientific study revealed that Greenland sharks can live for at least 400 years