



# Today in History

*March 14, 1794*

▲ U.S. inventor Eli Whitney was granted a patent for his cotton gin, which separated the cotton seeds from the raw cotton fibres and revolutionised the cotton industry

**1964:** Jack Ruby was found guilty of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of President John F. Kennedy

**2004:** Spain's Socialist Party won an upset election victory, ending eight years of conservative rule

**2004:** Vladimir Putin was re-elected as president of Russia with 70 per cent of the vote

**2023:** A Russian aircraft struck the propeller of a U.S. Reaper drone over the Black Sea