



Today in History

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▲ The Empire Windrush sailed from Jamaica with the first group of West Indian immigrants invited to Britain to back post-war reconstruction

1734: Franz Mesmer, Austrian physician whose work on cures by suggestion led to the discovery of mesmerism and hypnotism, was born

1785: Benjamin Franklin invented bifocal spectacles

1934: U.S. outlaws Bonnie and Clyde, whose exploits were later immortalised in film, died in a police shootout

1949: The German Federal Republic formally came into existence, with the capital based in Bonn