



Today in History

July 12, 1884

▲ **Amedeo Modigliani**, Italian modernist painter and sculptor known for his elongated figures, was born. He is pictured above in a self-portrait

1970: Thor Heyerdahl completed a successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in the papyrus reed boat Ra II

2001: Scientists announced the creation of human stem cells from cloned embryos, a key to regeneration

2016: China rejected an international ruling favouring the Philippines over disputes in the South China Sea

2017: A giant iceberg covering about 5,800 km² broke away from the Larsen C Ice Shelf in Antarctica