



Today in History

August 17, 1962

▲ Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. He bled to death in the most notorious case in the history of the wall

1945: Dr Sukarno, who led efforts to resist Dutch re-colonization after World War II, declared Indonesia independent

1945: George Orwell's satirical novel **Animal Farm** was published

2004: Serbia reinstated the coat of arms and national anthem it used before 1918, when the country became part of Yugoslavia

2012: Three members of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot were jailed for performing an anti-Putin song