



Today in History

September 5, 1698

▲ **Tsar Peter the Great of Russia imposed a tax on beards as part of an effort to modernise Russian society along western European models**

1774: The first Continental Congress of the 13 American colonies met at Philadelphia

1991: The constitution of the Soviet Union was virtually abolished

1995: France's underground nuclear test on Mururoa Atoll provoked worldwide condemnation

2018: Britain charged two Russian nationals over the novichok poisoning of former spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in Salisbury in March 2018