



Today in History

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▲ **Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia**

1224: Saint Francis of Assisi received the full stigmata mimicking the wounds of Jesus on the cross

1928: The antibiotic penicillin was discovered by Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming

1959: Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet leader to visit the U.S., seeking a “peaceful coexistence”

2017: The Cassini spacecraft plunged into Saturn’s atmosphere at the end of a historic 20-year mission