



Today in History

December 11, 1719

▲ The first recorded sighting in the United States of the aurora borealis occurred in New England. The oldest known auroral citing was written in China in 2600BC

1769: The Venetian blind, using wooden slats to control the amount of light let into a room, was patented

1910: The neon lamp was first displayed

1994: Russia sent tanks and troops to Chechnya to end the rebel territory's three-year drive for independence

2004: Medical tests confirmed Ukraine's opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko was poisoned by dioxin