



# Today in History

*December 26, 2004*

▲ A magnitude 9.1 earthquake under the Indian Ocean triggered devastating tsunamis which killed around 230,000 people from Indonesia to the coast of Africa

**1906:** The world's first feature film, *The Story of the Kelly Gang*, opened in Melbourne, Australia

**1975:** The Soviet Union's Tupolev-144 became the first supersonic aircraft to go into regular service

**2004:** Pro-Western opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko won Ukraine's re-run presidential election

**2009:** The world's longest high speed rail route opened in China, over 900km from Beijing to Guangzhou