



Today in History

January 10, 1863

▲ The world's first underground railway, the Metropolitan line, entered service in London. Trains stopped at seven stations between Paddington and Farringdon

1855: Engineer Henry Bessemer took out a British patent, one of the most lucrative ever recorded, for a process that created steel inexpensively

1901: The modern petroleum industry was born when oil was first discovered in Texas

1929: Cartoon characters Tintin and his dog Snowy first appeared

2011: The Basque separatist group Eta declared a permanent ceasefire in its fight for independence from Spain