



Today in History

February 21, 1972

▲ **Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit China, a key step in normalising relations and ending 25 years of separation between the two countries**

1916: The Battle of Verdun, one of the bloodiest engagements of WWI, began

1965: Civil rights activist Malcolm X was shot dead at a rally in New York

1989: Two members of Winnie Mandela's bodyguard were charged with murdering 14 year-old Stompie Moeketsi

2011: The Bahrain Grand Prix, the opening round of the 2011 Formula One season, was cancelled due to ongoing protests in the Gulf state