



Today in History

February 11, 2001

▲ **Scientists published the first complete map of the human genome. It found that humans are made up of around 30,000 genes, far fewer than originally thought**

1986: The Soviet Union released Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky after nine years in jail for allegedly spying for the Americans

1990: Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in jail in South Africa

1997: Archaeologists in Chile said they had discovered evidence of human presence dating back 12,500 years

2011: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak bowed to pressure and stepped down