



Today in History

April 22, 1616

▲ **Spanish novelist and playwright Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra died in Madrid. His novel Don Quixote is considered one of the greatest of all modern works**

1838: The British steamship *Sirius* became the first to cross the Atlantic on steam power only

1952: An atomic test was broadcast live on national television for the first time in the United States

1984: Scientists announced they had isolated the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the body's immune system

1996: Channel Tunnel operators Eurotunnel announced a loss of £925m in its first year of operation