



Today in History

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▲ The last quagga, distinguished from other zebras by its pattern of brown and white stripes on the front of the body and plain brown rear, died at a zoo in Amsterdam

30BC: Cleopatra, queen of ancient Egypt, committed suicide allegedly by allowing an asp to bite her breast

1851: American inventor Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine

1949: Starlings on the minute hand of London's Big Ben made the clock lose four-and-a-half minutes

2007: Fossilised remains of an eight million year-old cypress forest were discovered in Hungary