



Today in History

February 5, 1852

▲ **The New Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, founded by Catherine the Great in 1764 and one of the largest museums in the world, opened to the public**

1887: Giuseppe Verdi's opera *Otello*, based on Shakespeare's play, premiered at La Scala, Milan

1922: *Reader's Digest* magazine was launched in New York

1967: The Rolling Stones were banned from singing *Let's Spend The Night Together* on a popular British TV show because of its suggestive lyrics

1987: Iran launched a missile attack on Baghdad in a "war of the cities" that would last two weeks