



Today in History

March 5, 1512

▲ Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator was born. His 1569 world map used straight lines spaced so as to provide an accurate ratio of latitude and longitude at any point

1918: Moscow replaced Petrograd as the new capital of Russia

1960: Cuban photographer Alberto Korda captured his iconic image of Che Guevara

1963: The plastic hula-hoop, inspired by the bamboo hoops Australian children used in gym class, was patented

1997: The Swiss government started a \$4.7 billion fund to compensate survivors of the Nazi Holocaust