



Today in History

April 25, 1859

▲ **Work began on the construction of the Suez Canal, under the direction of Ferdinand de Lesseps. It was opened 10 years later on November 16, 1869**

1792: Highwayman Jacques Pelletier became the first person to be guillotined in France

1964: The head of the famous Little Mermaid statue in Copenhagen harbour was sawn off and stolen

2007: Astronomers announced the discovery of Gliese 581e, the most Earth-like, and potentially habitable, planet outside our Solar System to date

2015: A magnitude-7.8 earthquake killed over 8,000 people in Nepal