



Today in History

August 6, 1660

▲ Influential Spanish painter Diego Velazquez died. A key figure in 17th century art, he was noted for his realism in works such as *Las Meninas* (above)

1538: Bogotá, now capital of Colombia, was founded by Spanish conquistador Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada

1945: The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, instantly killing around 80,000 people

2007: NASA reported that four gigantic galaxies were crashing into one another in a vast cosmic collision

2015: Egypt inaugurated a new 35km channel of the Suez Canal, roughly doubling the canal's capacity