



Today in History

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▲ Genetic analysis revealed that the giraffe genus contained four separate species, that had not exchanged genetic information between them for 1-2 million years

1930: U.S. engineer Richard Drew developed the first clear adhesive tape, known as Scotch tape or sellotape

1941: The World War II Siege of Leningrad began. It lasted 900 days and claimed the lives of almost one million people

2002: Tennis maestro Pete Sampras notched up a then record 14th Grand Slam win at the U.S. Open

2011: Twitter, launched in 2006, said it had over 100 million active users