



Today in History

October 4, 1957

▲ **The Space Race began when the Soviet Union launched the world's first man-made satellite, Sputnik 1, into orbit. It completed 1,440 orbits over 21 days**

1675: Dutch astronomer Christian Huygens patented a pocket watch

1994: St Petersburg's Hermitage Museum agreed to show more than 70 French Impressionist paintings seized by Soviet troops after WWII

1997: Spain's Princess Cristina married Olympic handball star Inaki Urdangarin

2016: Hurricane Matthew tore through Haiti, leaving up to 1,600 dead. It later slammed into the U.S., killing a further 49 people