



## Today in History

*May 31, 1911*

▲ The White Star liner Titanic was launched in Belfast. At the time it was the largest vessel afloat, but the ship famously sank on its maiden voyage in April 1912

**1891:** Construction of the 9,288km Trans-Siberian Railway began

**1994:** The death toll in the Rwandan genocide was estimated to have reached 800,000

**2003:** The last Air France Concorde touched down in Paris after its final flight from New York

**2008:** Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt first broke the 100m world record, running 9.72s in New York. Bolt later lowered it to 9.58s