



Today in History

July 18, 1918

▲ Nelson Mandela, the first black president of South Africa, was born. Jailed for 27 years for his anti-apartheid activities, he was elected president in 1994

64AD: The Great Fire of Rome destroyed two-thirds of the city

1955: Disneyland, the world's first theme park, opened to the public in California

1994: A ceasefire was declared in Rwanda, ending the genocide of Tutsis and moderate Hutus

2016: The World Anti-Doping Agency concluded the Russian government was involved in an intensive doping programme at the Sochi Olympics