



Today in History

October 2, 1608

▲ Dutch optician Hans Lippershey demonstrated the first telescope, having reportedly come up with the idea after seeing a child playing with two lenses

1950: The Peanuts cartoon strip, by Charles M. Schultz, was first published

2002: Scientists announced they had sequenced the genome of the mosquito that carries malaria

2004: Over 1,500 migrants arrived in a single week on the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa

2016: Colombian voters narrowly rejected a historic peace deal agreed between the government and FARC rebels to end a brutal 52-year conflict