



Today in History

March 6, 1619

▲ French writer Cyrano de Bergerac, who was said to have fought more than 1,000 duels to avenge jibes at the size of his nose, was born

1899: The headache relief drug Aspirin was patented

2004: Twelve Russian scientists were rescued from an ice floe in the Arctic Ocean after the ice shelf under their research station broke up

2011: The arrest of young boys over anti-government graffiti in Deraa led to the outbreak of Syria's civil war

2015: Nigeria's militant Boko Haram group pledged allegiance to the so-called Islamic State