



Today in History

September 16, 1620

▲ Seeking religious freedom, the Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth, England, aboard the Mayflower to establish a colony in North America

1810: Miguel Hidalgo called for the end of Spanish rule in Mexico

1884: U.S. ophthalmologist Carl Koller first used cocaine as a local anaesthetic in eye surgery

1975: Papua New Guinea achieved full independence from Australia

2018: Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in Berlin of 2 hours, 1 minute and 39 seconds, shattering the previous mark by almost 1 minute and 20 seconds