



Today in History

September 17, 1683

▲ Dutch biologist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek described seeing living animalcules (bacteria) when he used a microscope to examine plaque found between his teeth

1900: The Federal Commonwealth of Australia was established, uniting six British colonies

2010: A drill reached 33 Chilean miners trapped underground since August 5

2010: BP pumped cement into its Deepwater Horizon oil well to halt the huge spill into the Gulf of Mexico

2013: The video game Grand Theft Auto V earned more than \$800 million on its first day of release