



Today in History

February 21, 1885

▲ The Washington Monument was dedicated in the U.S. capital. The 169m-tall obelisk stands on the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol

1916: The Battle of Verdun, one of the bloodiest engagements of World War I, began. Over 250,000 died

1996: Jeanne Calment, believed to be the world's oldest ever citizen, celebrated her 121st birthday

1996: The addictive effect of cigarettes was reported to be due to increased dopamine in the brain

2014: Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich fled Kiev as violent riots gripped the city