



## Today in History

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▲ Genetic analysis revealed that the giraffe genus contained four separate species, that had not exchanged genetic information between them for 1-2 million years

**1941:** The World War II Siege of Leningrad began. It lasted 900 days and claimed almost one million lives

**1961:** The Journal of the American Medical Association reported evidence linking smoking and heart disease

**1966:** The first series of Star Trek, one of the most successful TV shows in history, premiered on NBC

**2011:** Twitter, launched in 2006, reached 100 million active users per month