



## Today in History

*September 30, 1846*

▲ **American dentist William Morton made the first public demonstration using ether as a surgical anaesthetic to painlessly extract an ulcerated tooth**

**1902:** “Artificial silk”, a cellulose-based fibre made from wood-pulp, also known as rayon or Viscose, was patented

**1994:** The WHO announced the eradication of polio in the western hemisphere thanks to polio vaccines

**2011:** Anwar al-Awlaki, 40, figurehead of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, was killed by an American drone

**2016:** The Rosetta spacecraft ended its mission by crash-landing on comet 67P/CG