

A detailed oil painting of Tsar Peter I of Russia. He is depicted from the waist up, wearing ornate silver armor with a gold belt. A white and gold cape is draped over his shoulders. He holds a sword in his right hand. The background shows a classical interior with a window looking out onto a ship on the water.

Today in History

June 9, 1672

▲ **Tsar Peter I of Russia, better known as Peter the Great, was born. He introduced western influence into Russia and founded the city of St Petersburg**

1934: Cartoon character Donald Duck made his screen debut in *The Wise Little Hen*

1959: The USS George Washington, the first U.S. operational ballistic missile submarine, was launched

2010: The world's oldest leather shoe, thought to be 5,500 years old, was found in a cave in Armenia

2019: Mass protests began in Hong Kong over government plans to allow extradition to mainland China