



Today in History

July 17, 1955

▲ **Disneyland, the world's first theme park, opened in California. It has since welcomed over 726m visitors, the highest cumulative total of any theme park anywhere**

1996: The Community of Portuguese Language Countries was founded

2014: Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 was shot down over Ukraine by a Russian surface-to-air missile

2019: The WHO declared the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo a public health emergency as the death toll neared 2,000

2019: In the U.S., Mexican drug lord "El Chapo" Guzman was sentenced to life in prison plus 30 years