



Today in History

November 1, 1997

▲ **President Nelson Mandela described meeting the Spice Girls, the British band then at the height of their fame, as “one of the greatest moments of his life”**

1512: Michelangelo's painted ceiling in the Sistine Chapel in Rome was unveiled to the public

1822: The Caledonian Canal opened, linking the North Sea with the Atlantic Ocean via Scotland's Great Glen

1952: The U.S. detonated the first hydrogen bomb at Enewetak Atoll in the Marshall Islands

2021: Covid-19 deaths worldwide surpassed 5 million but the true toll was suspected to be much higher