



Today in History

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▲ Hungarian journalist Laszlo Biro patented his ballpoint pen, consisting of a ball that turned freely in a socket and deposited smudge-free ink

1793: The world's first public zoo opened at the Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes in Paris

1909: The SOS distress signal of three dots and three dashes was first used

1926: Catalan architect Antonio Gaudi, whose most famous work is the church of the Sagrada Família, died

1971: The United States formally ended its 20-year-old embargo on trade with China