

A close-up portrait of Queen Elizabeth II smiling. She is wearing a bright yellow wide-brimmed hat adorned with blue and white floral decorations and a yellow ribbon. She is also wearing a yellow jacket with a brooch on the lapel and a pearl necklace. The background is blurred, showing other people in formal attire.

Today in History

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▲ **Queen Elizabeth II died at age 96, three months after celebrations marking her 70-year reign. At the time she was the world's oldest and longest-serving head of state**

1565: Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded the first Catholic settlement in America at St Augustine, Florida

1930: U.S. engineer Richard Drew made the first clear adhesive tape, known as **Scotch tape** or **sellotape**

1943: General Eisenhower announced the unconditional surrender of Italy during World War II

1966: The first series of **Star Trek**, one of the most successful TV shows in history, premiered on NBC