



Today in History

October 2, 1608

▲ **Dutch optician Hans Lippershey demonstrated the first telescope, having reportedly come up with the idea after seeing a child playing with two lenses**

1870: The Papal States voted for union with Italy and the country's capital moved from Florence to Rome

1950: The **Peanuts** cartoon strip, by Charles M. Schultz, was first published

2002: Scientists announced they had sequenced the genome of the parasite that causes malaria as well as that of the mosquito that carries the disease

2018: Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was murdered inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul