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Important Events

1755 [Samuel Johnson's "A Dictionary of the English Language"](#) published in London

1877 1st telephone installed: Boston-Somerville in Massachusetts

1912 RMS [Titanic](#) sinks at 2:27 AM off Newfoundland as the band plays on, with the loss of between 1,490 and 1,635 people



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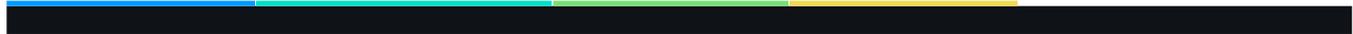
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count, 11; Greece wins total medal count, 46; IOC has retroactively assigned gold, silver & bronze medals to 3 best placed athletes in each event

1947 Jackie Robinson becomes 1st African-American to play in US major league baseball (Dodgers)



1923

Insulin becomes generally available for use by people with diabetes.



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Leonardo da Vinci

(1452 - 1519)



James J. Jeffries

(1875 - 1953)



Nikita Khrushchev

(1894 - 1971)



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WOULD YOU BELIEVE:

[Ray Kroc](#) opens first McDonald's Inc. fast food restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois

On April 15, [1955](#)

Famous Weddings

[1595](#) Willem I's daughter of Elisabeth of Nassau marries duke Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne of Broth

[1909](#) Mien Wenneker, Dutch prince Henry's lover, weds Uncle Cornelis Abbo



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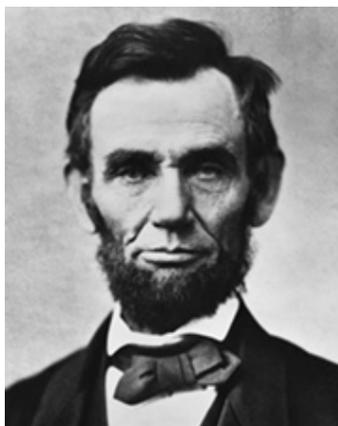
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Famous Deaths



Abraham Lincoln

(1809 - 1865)



Edward Smith

(1850 - 1912)



Manuel Roxas

(1892 - 1948)