



The Dream Jet 'BBJ 787' with a price tag of 300 million USD, is the most valuable private jet in the world. It has private dining areas, master bedroom, bathrooms, etc.

# HISTORY *this* WEEK

**W**eeks, years, decades, centuries...as time goes by day by day, the world keeps progressing into a newer direction. But as our eyes always stay glued to the telescope, trying to get a glimpse of the shining future we work so hard to create, it is important to take a break and appreciate how far we have come. Let us look back at the pages of history falling between **July 19-25** that played their role in shaping our society.

## The world of sports

**JULY 22 1923**

The Washington Senators' pitcher, Walter Johnson, became the first player in Major League Baseball's history to record 3000 strikeouts.

Johnson achieved this feat in a match against the Cleveland Indians where his team won 3-1. In his entire career, Johnson had 12 20-win seasons, 10 of them being consecutively from 1910-1919. Not only so, but he is also the only player in the history of the game besides Cy Young to win 400 games throughout his career. Johnson was one of the first five players that were inducted to the Hall of Fame in 1936.



## The world of celebration

**JULY 21 1969**

Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the moon because of the Apollo 11 mission. The mission consisted of three members -

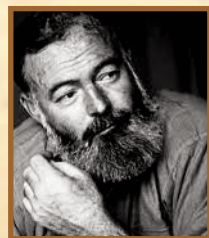
Commander Neil Armstrong, Lunar Module Pilot Aldrin and Command Module Pilot Michael Collins. Armstrong and Aldrin spent two and a quarter hour on the moon collecting 21.5 kg of lunar material to bring back to Earth. Armstrong's first steps on the lunar surface were broadcasted on live TV to a

worldwide audience where the events were described as 'one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'.



**JULY 21 1899**

American novelist, story writer, journalist and sportsman, Ernest Miller Hemingway, was born. His style, often termed 'iceberg theory', influenced 20th century fiction to a great deal, making him one of the most respected writers of the time and even today. Hemingway published seven novels, six short story collections and non-fiction works, out of which three novels, four short story collections, and three non-fiction were published posthumously. For his excellent work done between 1920s-1950s, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954.



## The world of transportation



**JULY 19 1843**

The longest passenger ship in the world, SS Great Britain, was launched to the public eye. Designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel for the Great Western Steamship Company's transatlantic service between Bristol and New York City, it was a museum and passenger steamship which was considered advanced for its time. Unlike the ships seen till then, Great Britain was the first to combine iron and screw propellers in its large ocean-going body. It was also the first iron steamer to cross the Atlantic Ocean, which it did in 14 days in 1845. Currently, it rests as an attraction in Bristol Harbour and attracts 150,000-200,000 visitors annually.



**JULY 21 1987**

One of the most iconic cars in the world, the Ferrari F40, was unveiled to the world. It was a mid-engine, rear-wheel drive sports car engineered by Nicola Materazzi with styling by Pininfarina, and took around six years to be built. Designed to celebrate the company's 40th birthday, it was the last Ferrari automobile personally approved by Enzo Ferrari. The car debuted with a planned production of 400 units and a suggested retail price of 400,000 USD. One of the units, which once belonged to the Formula One driver Nigel Mansell, was sold for a record of 1 million GBP in 1990, creating a world record.



**JULY 25 1909**

The world's first overseas flight took off from France and landed in England, and the feat was achieved by French aviator, Louis Blériot. The flight was 22 miles and it took him 36 minutes and 30 seconds to complete the journey. For his accomplishment, the London Daily Mail awarded him 1000 GBP, he became world famous as well as emerged as the leading aircraft pilots and manufacturers of the era. Blériot was also the first one to make a working, powdered, piloted monoplane. For the same, he tested a variety of powdered aircraft, ranging from box-kite biplanes to a tail-first (canard) monoplane, before finally coming up with his own Blériot XI.

## The world of entertainment



**JULY 23 2010**

The boyband, One Direction was formed by Simon Cowell on The X Factor UK with Zayn Malik, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles and Louis Tomlinson as the members. One Direction was the first band in the US Billboard 200 history to have first 4 albums debut at #1, and their 'Where We Are Tour' was the highest-grossing tour by a vocal group in history. Even though the band has been on hiatus since 2016, as of 2020, they have sold over 70 million records, won around 200 awards, and were also named Global Recording Artist of the Year by IFPI.



**JULY 24 1985**

The Walt Disney feature animation film, The Black Cauldron, was released by Walt Disney Pictures. Loosely based on the first two books in the series of The Chronicles of Prydain by Lloyd Alexander, the film was directed by Ted Berman and Richard Rich. It was the first Disney animated film to receive a PG rating as well as the first Disney animated film to feature computer-generated imagery. The film, on its release, received mixed reviews because of its dark nature, but with time, it has developed its own cult following.



**JULY 21 2007**

The final installment in the Harry Potter book series, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, was released by JK Rowling. The book already had an awaiting audience and instantly went on to become a bestseller with an initial print run of 12 million copies in the US alone. The series, which highlighted Harry Potter's fight against his enemy, Lord Voldemort, sold over 400 million copies worldwide and has also been translated to more than 60 languages. The popularity of the novels also led to movies, video games, websites, theme parks and other merchandise being based upon it.