



Today in History

December 22, 1895

▲ German scientist Wilhelm Roentgen made the first X-ray image, of his wife's hand, allowing the inner workings of the body to be observed

1801: French silk weaver Joseph Marie Jacquard patented a loom which used punch cards to control a sequence of operations, enabling the weaving of intricate patterns

1989: Romanian communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown after 24 years

1990: Former shipyard worker Lech Walesa was sworn in as president of Poland

1994: The first private cars travelled through the Channel Tunnel