



Today in History

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▲ **Three members of the Russian all-female punk band Pussy Riot were jailed for performing an anti-Putin song in Moscow's main Orthodox cathedral**

1943: Double Oscar-winning actor Robert De Niro was born in New York

1962: Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to escape across the Berlin Wall. He was left to bleed to death

1978: Three Americans completed the first crossing of the North Atlantic in a hot air balloon

2009: Japan announced its economy had returned to growth, as had four other top 10 economies