



Today in History

January 18, 1944

▲ **The Second World War siege of Leningrad was broken by Russian forces, who relieved the city after 900 days during which almost one million civilians died**

1654: Ukrainian Cossack leader Bohdan Khmelnytsky accepted the Muscovite Tsar as overlord, thus uniting Ukraine with Russia

1779: Peter Mark Roget, creator of Roget's Thesaurus of English words and phrases, was born

1904: Hollywood hero Cary Grant was born as Archibald Leach

1995: Cave paintings around 20,000 years old were discovered in the Ardeche region of southern France