



Today in History

February 12, 1924

▲ In New York, George Gershwin played his haunting composition *Rhapsody In Blue* for the first time in public. It established his reputation as a serious composer

1994: More than 100 fundraisers trekked through the Channel Tunnel, becoming the first people to walk from France to Britain since the Ice Age

1994: Norway's best known work of art, Munch's *The Scream*, was stolen from Oslo's National Art Museum

1996: Yasser Arafat was sworn in as the first Palestinian president

2006: A royal tomb dating from the 2nd or 3rd century BC was found in Pella, Greece