



Today in History

May 30, 1640

▲ Flemish Baroque painter Peter Paul Rubens, renowned for his extravagant style that emphasised movement, colour and sensuality, died in Antwerp

1431: Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for heresy in Rouen, France

1909: The National Conference on the Negro was held in New York to discuss civil rights in response to the Springfield Race Riots of 1908

1960: Russian author and poet Boris Pasternak, best known for his novel Doctor Zhivago, died in Moscow

1990: France banned imports of British beef in case it carried the BSE, or “mad cow disease” virus