



Today in History

December 15, 2000

▲ The last reactor at Chernobyl was officially shut down, almost 15 years after an explosion spread a radioactive cloud over Europe in the world's worst nuclear disaster

1675: Dutch master Jan Vermeer, one of the great painters of the Dutch golden age, died

1840: Napoleon's remains were interred in Les Invalides in Paris

1995: EU leaders agreed to name their new single currency the Euro

2005: Iraqis went to the polls to elect the first fully constitutional parliament since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's dictatorial regime in 2003