

An abstract painting by Jackson Pollock, featuring a dense, chaotic web of black, white, yellow, and red lines and splatters. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of several people are visible, looking at the artwork.

Today in History

August 11, 1956

▲ U.S. artist Jackson Pollock, who led the Abstract Expressionist movement and introduced the technique of pouring paint on to canvas, died in a car accident

1994: The era of internet shopping began when an album by Sting became the first item sold online

1998: British Petroleum announced it was taking over U.S. oil giant Amoco at a cost of \$54.3 billion

1999: The Kansas Education Board voted to drop the theory of evolution from the school science curriculum

2015: Japan began generating nuclear power for the first time since the Fukushima disaster in 2011