



Today in History

October 4, 1669

▲ Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn, renowned for his masterly combination of delicacy and power in portraits, religious works and landscapes, died at age 63

1824: Mexico became a republic

1994: St Petersburg's Hermitage Museum agreed to show more than 70 French Impressionist paintings seized by Soviet troops after WWII

2004: The rocket plane SpaceShipOne won the \$10m Ansari X Prize, and set a new record for sub-orbital flight, after blasting into space twice in five days

2009: Militants in Nigeria's oil-rich Delta region surrendered their weapons in a government amnesty