



Today in History

December 5, 1791

▲ **Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna aged 35. A prodigy from childhood, his immense body of work included 41 symphonies and several well-loved operas**

1941: The Soviet Red Army launched its winter offensive to recapture Moscow

2001: Hamid Karzai was chosen to lead a transitional government to propel Afghanistan to democracy

2006: Russia refused to extradite suspects in the radioactive poisoning death of Alexander Litvinenko to Britain

2011: Ivory Coast's Laurent Gbagbo became the first former head of state to appear at the International Criminal Court in The Hague