

A portrait of Molière, a French playwright and actor. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a red cloak with gold trim over a blue garment. He has a large, curly wig and a small red bow in his hair. He is holding a sword in his right hand. The background is dark.

Today in History

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▲ Moliere, the French playwright and actor, was baptised as Jean-Baptiste Poquelin. His best known plays include Tartuffe and Le Misanthrope

1962: French fashion designer Yves St Laurent opened his own couture house in Paris

1992: The European Community recognised Croatia and Slovenia as independent republics

2009: China revised its estimate of its economic growth, overtaking Germany as the world's third largest economy

2021: The global death toll from COVID-19 passed two million. It is now above five million