



## Today in History

*October 27, 1682*

▲ **English Quaker William Penn founded the city of Philadelphia in the colony of Pennsylvania, set up as a place for religious freedom in the American colonies**

**1275:** The city of Amsterdam was founded when a dam and bridge were built over the Amstel river after two major floods

**1662:** England's King Charles II sold Dunkirk to Louis XIV of France for the equivalent of £400,000 sterling

**1782:** Italian composer and virtuoso violinist Niccolò Paganini was born

**2017:** The regional parliament of Catalonia declared unilateral independence from Spain