



## Today in History

*October 31, 1632*

▲ Jan Vermeer, one of the greatest painters of the Dutch Golden Age, was born. He specialised in domestic interior scenes of middle-class life

**1932:** Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined his “New Deal” to assist recovery in the U.S. after the Great Depression

**1982:** London’s Thames Barrier, the world’s second-largest movable flood barrier, became operational

**1992:** The Vatican absolved Galileo Galilei of his 1633 heresy conviction for claiming the Earth orbits the Sun

**1997:** The IMF approved a three-year, \$33 billion loan to Indonesia to aid political and economic reforms