



Today in History

August 27, 1576

▲ **Venetian Renaissance master Titian died. His handling of colour and mastery of new oil techniques made him one of the greatest painters of the period**

1883: Tidal waves resulting from the cataclysmic eruption of Krakatoa killed 36,000 in Java and Sumatra

1993: Japan's Rainbow Bridge across Tokyo Bay opened. It was lit by red, white and green lights

1998: Russia's Central Bank ceased trading in the rouble after devaluing the currency and defaulting on its debt

2003: Mars passed closer to Earth than at any time in the last 60,000 years, 55,758,004km (34,646,418 miles)