



Today in History

December 9, 1843

▲ **The first commercially available Christmas card was created in England. Two batches totalling 2,050 cards were printed and sold for one shilling each**

1905: The separation of church and state in France established secularism but guaranteed freedom of worship

1978: Two U.S. Pioneer spacecraft transmitted the best ever pictures of the planet Venus back to Earth

1987: The first Palestinian intifada broke out with riots in the Gaza Strip after an Israeli truck killed four Palestinians

2008: Astronomers described a giant black hole at the centre of our galaxy, 27,000 light years from Earth