



Today in History

December 25, 1983

▲ **Joan Miró, Catalan artist whose characteristic biomorphic forms and geometric shapes combined abstract art with Surrealist fantasy, died at age 90**

1223: The first known nativity scene was assembled by St Francis of Assisi

1990: The World Wide Web came into being, implemented by British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee

1999: Russian forces entered the Chechen capital Grozny, amid fierce resistance from Islamic fighters

2009: Chinese activist Liu Xiaobo was sentenced to 11 years in prison for “subversion of state power”. He died in 2017