



# Today in History

*January 9, 1324*

▲ Venetian explorer Marco Polo died. His epic 24-year travels through the Orient did much to introduce Europeans to Central Asia and China

**1799:** Income tax was introduced in Britain at 10 percent to pay for the war against Napoleonic France

**1839:** The daguerreotype photo process, that produced a positive image in seconds, was announced

**1863:** London's first underground train left Paddington station on its inaugural passenger journey

**2009:** Somali pirates released the MV Sirius Star, the biggest supertanker ever hijacked