

TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 1st, 30 BCE

Octavian (later known as Augustus) brings Alexandria, Egypt under the control of the Roman Republic.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 2nd, 1802

Napoleon Bonaparte is declared "Consul for Life."



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 3rd, 1492

Christopher Columbus sets sail on his first voyage from Spain to the New World.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 4th, 1944

Anne Frank is arrested in Amsterdam by the German Security Police.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 5th, 1305

Scottish resistance leader William Wallace is captured by the English and is transported to London for trial and execution.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 6th, 1945

An atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, by the United States.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 7th, 1912

The Progressive (Bull Moose) Party nominates Theodore Roosevelt for President.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 8th, 1844

Brigham Young is chosen as head of the Mormon Church following the death of Joseph Smith.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 9th, 1854

Henry David Thoreau publishes "Walden."



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 10th, 1831

Former slave Nat Turner leads an uprising against slavery.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 11th, 1950

Ethel Rosenberg testifies before a grand jury on allegations of spying for the Soviet Union.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 12th, 1877

Thomas Edison invents the Edisonphone, a sound recording device.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 13th, 1521

Spanish conquistadors under Hernan Cortes capture the Aztec Emperor Cuauhtemoc in Tenochtitlan marking the end of the Aztec Empire.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 14th, 1945

Japan surrenders unconditionally to end WWII in what is known as V-J Day.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 15th, 1969

The Woodstock Music & Art Fair opens in New York State on Max Yasgur's Dairy Farm.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 16th, 1812

British forces capture Fort Detroit with the help of Indigenous warriors led by Tecumseh.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 17th, 1940

Adolf Hitler orders a total blockade of Great Britain.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 18th, 1914

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson issues a "Proclamation of Neutrality" during WWI.




TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 19th, 1961

U.S. vice-president Lyndon B. Johnson visits West Berlin.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 20th, 1191

Crusader King Richard I (the Lionheart) kills 3,000 Muslim prisoners in Akko.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 21st, 1991

A conservative coup in the Soviet Union is crushed by popular resistance led by Boris Yeltsin in three days.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 22nd, 1921

J. Edgar Hoover becomes Assistant Director of the FBI.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 23rd, 1939

The USSR and Germany sign a non-aggression pact.



TODAY IN HISTORY
AUGUST 24th, 1215

Pope Innocent III declares the Magna Carta invalid.

