

Tuesday, March 31

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1855:** English writer Charlotte Brontë, the eldest of three literary sisters and best known for her novel *Jane Eyre*, died during pregnancy

1596: French mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartes was born

1889: The Eiffel Tower in Paris was officially opened to the public

1939: Britain and France pledged to defend Poland in the event of an attack by Nazi Germany

2005: An official report into U.S. intelligence capabilities concluded that the U.S. was wrong on almost all of its pre-war assessments of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction