

Saturday, August 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: The Beijing Olympic Games opened with a spectacular four-hour ceremony at the Bird's Nest stadium. It featured over 15,000 performers and reportedly cost over \$100 million**

1786: Two French climbers made the first ascent of Mont Blanc

1788: The first cattle arrived in Australia, shipped from England

1974: Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to resign, over his role in the Watergate affair

2008: Georgia launched a full-scale assault in the breakaway region of South Ossetia, sparking a brief, but fierce conflict with Russia