

Sunday, August 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: The Beijing Olympic Games opened with a spectacular ceremony at the Bird's Nest stadium**

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

1994: The first border crossing was opened between Jordan and Israel, bringing an end to 46 years of hostilities

2009: Nine people, including five Italian tourists, died when a tour helicopter and a small private airplane collided over the Hudson River in Hoboken, New Jersey