

Friday, August 13

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1876:** Composer Richard Wagner's opera cycle *Der Ring des Nibelungen* was first performed in its entirety in Bayreuth, Germany

1422: England's first printer, William Caxton, was born

1624: King Louis XIII of France named Cardinal Richelieu as his Chief Minister

1926: Fidel Castro, Cuban revolutionary who overthrew the regime of Fulgencio Batista in 1959, was born

2009: The economies of Germany and France emerged from recession, raising hopes that the worst of the global economic crisis was over