



# Today in History

*July 27, 2012*

▲ **The London 2012 Olympic Games opened with a spectacular ceremony seen by 80,000 people in the Olympic Stadium and one billion worldwide**

**1830:** The people of France forced the hated King Charles X to abdicate on the “Day of the Barricades” in Paris

**1953:** The armistice ending the three-year-long Korean War was signed at Panmunjom

**1974:** The U.S. House Judiciary Committee voted to impeach President Nixon over the Watergate affair

**1995:** Footprints preserved in volcanic ash proved that humans were walking upright 3.7m years ago