



Today in History

August 13, 1926

▲ **Fidel Castro, who orchestrated the 1959 Cuban Revolution that overthrew the regime of Fulgencio Batista and then headed Cuba's government until 2008, was born**

1521: Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortez captured Mexico City, then named Tenochtitlan, from the Aztecs

1876: Wagner's Ring cycle was first performed in its entirety in Bayreuth

1961: The border between East and West Berlin was closed as construction began on the Berlin Wall

2015: China devalued the yuan for a third day, exacerbating fears that the world's second largest economy was headed for a lengthy slowdown