



Today in History

August 16, 1958

▲ **Madonna Louise Ciccone** was born in Bay City, Michigan. She is the world's best-selling female recording artist, with global sales of more than 300 million

1933: The Australian state of Victoria paid £800 for a Yorkshire cottage, once the childhood home of Captain Cook

1989: A solar flare created a geomagnetic storm that halted trading on Toronto's stock market

2008: At the Beijing Olympics sprinter Usain Bolt of Jamaica won gold in the 100m in a world record time of 9.69 seconds

2010: China overtook Japan as the world's second-largest economy