



Today in History

November 20, 1980

▲ **Jiang Qing, widow of Mao Zedong and one of the “Gang of Four” who played a major role in China’s Cultural Revolution, went on trial for treason in Beijing**

1805: Beethoven’s only opera, *Fidelio*, was first performed in Vienna

1866: The “bone shaker”, a rotary crank bicycle with pedals directly applied to the front wheel for the first time, was patented in the U.S.

1945: The war crimes trials of 24 senior Nazi officers began in Nuremberg, Germany

2015: Thousands were stranded when Balkan border crossings were closed to economic migrants