



Today in History

August 3, 1936

▲ **Black athlete Jesse Owens won the 100m, the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics, scuppering Adolf Hitler's aim of demonstrating Aryan superiority**

1908: A nearly complete skeleton of a Neanderthal was discovered in France

1996: Muhammad Ali received an honorary gold medal to replace one from the 1960 Olympics he threw away over racism in the U.S.

2008: Author Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who made the world aware of the Soviet Gulag system, died

2020: John Hume, a key driver of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland, died aged 83