

A portrait of Felix Lope de Vega, a Spanish Golden Age writer. He is an older man with a mustache, wearing a dark, high-collared garment. He is holding an open book in his left hand and pointing with his right index finger. In the background, there is a statue and some books on a shelf.

## Today in History

*November 25, 1562*

▲ **Felix Lope de Vega, one of the key figures in Spain's Golden Age of Baroque literature, was born. His prolific output included around 500 plays and 3,000 sonnets**

**1952:** The world's longest running show, Agatha Christie's mystery *The Mousetrap*, opened in London

**1992:** The Czech parliament voted to split the country into separate Czech and Slovak republics

**1997:** The Tokyo City Bank became the fourth Japanese finance house to close since the start of the month

**2016:** Fidel Castro, who led Cuba's Communist revolution and later became president, died aged 90