



Today in History

August 4, 1693

▲ **French Benedictine monk Dom Perignon is traditionally said to have invented champagne on this day, although he did not intend to produce a sparkling wine**

1958: The Billboard Hot 100, the United States' weekly singles record chart, was first published

1993: Japan apologised to women forced to work as sex slaves in WWII

2006: The Domesday Book, the 920-year-old census record of England under William the Conqueror, went online

2020: Lebanon's capital Beirut was devastated when 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate ignited in the port