

It Happened in August

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Which Caribbean island gained independence from Britain in August 1962?

Jamaica

Born in August 1901 this American became arguably the most famous jazz trumpeter, and also famous for his rendition of Hello Dolly. What was his nick name?

Satchmo (Louis Armstrong)

Glamorous American film star who died from an overdose of sleeping pills in August 1962

Marilyn Monroe

When Winston Churchill said, in August 1940, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few", to whom was he referring?

The RAF pilots

The eruption of which volcano, in 79 AD, destroyed the cities of Stabiae and Herculaneum?

Vesuvius

In August 1945 the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, what was the name of the plane that dropped it?

Enola Gay

In August 1896, gold was discovered at Rabbit Creek, a tributary of which Alaskan river?

The Klondike

In 1572 thousands of Protestant Huguenots were murdered, by Catholics, in what became to be known as The St Bartholomews Day Massacre. In which country did it take place?

France

Born on 27th August 1910 as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, she founded a religious order known as the Missionaries of Charity and spent her life working in India.

Mother Teresa

Born on August 30th 1797, which author wrote the novel Frankenstein?

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Mary Shelley