

## 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?**

Mary Shelley