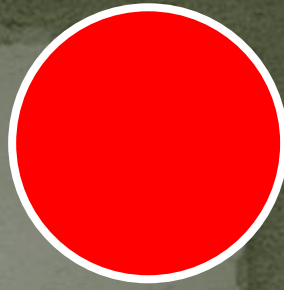


THE BERLIN WALL

1961-1989

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Enduring Understanding:

The Berlin Wall was built to stop the fight between West and East Berlin

Essential Questions:

1. How was Europe divided following the end of World War II?
2. How did people escape East Berlin?

Objectives

- Summarize how the outcome of World War II contributed to the development of the Cold War

The Berlin Wall

- Berlin was key focus of Cold War tensions
- W. Berlin-Democratic;
E. Berlin – Communist
- Many low-paid East Germans fled into West Berlin



The Berlin Wall



- Built in 1961 by East German government
- Massive concrete barrier topped with barbed wire
- Patrolled by guards
 - Wall showed that workers had to be forcibly kept from fleeing



BERLIN WALL
155 kilometers
(96 miles)

EAST BERLIN

Checkpoint Charlie

WEST BERLIN

Checkpoint
Bravo

Escaping East Berlin

- At least 171 people killed
- More than 5,000 East Germans escaped
 - Jumped out of windows
 - Climbed over barbed wire
 - Flew in hot air balloons
 - Crawled through sewers
 - Drove through unfortified parts at high speed

The Wall Comes Down

- November 9, 1989 – Tensions Thaw
- More than 2 million people from East Berlin crossed into West Berlin the following weekend
- Berlin united for first time since 1945





