

HANDOUT 3.5 C - RISE AND FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL QUESTIONS

Directions: During the slideshow complete the following questions

1. Division and Reunification of Germany

Describe the sculpture. Look carefully. What do you think the artists were trying to say?

2. Germany: A Divided Country 1945-1990

Why would the government of East Germany not want their citizens to travel to West Germany without special permission?

3. The Building of the Berlin Wall: August 13, 1961

What materials were used to build the wall? Why do you think the soldiers were there?

4. End of WWII

Describe the signs of devastation you see. Who are the three men, and why are they shaking hands?

5. Occupation Zones

Name the four Allies.

6. Berlin Airlift (1948-1949)

Give reasons why these people are standing where they are and looking at the plane.

7. Two Germanys

What are some basic differences between these governments? E.g. capitalism vs socialism, freedoms of speech and religion vs government controlled media and promotion of atheism.

8. Leaving East Germany 1951

The sign indicates that the people are leaving the Soviet controlled zone. How do we know that the people plan to be gone a while?

9. Building of the Wall 1961

Which side do you think is the east and west side of the wall? Why? What do you notice about the wall?

10. Germany: Center of the Cold War

What is a cold war?

11. Competition...taking over space

How many years passed before the US surpassed the Soviets in space? East Germany was a small country compared to the US and Soviet Union. Explain how an East German could find himself in space.

12. Flight to the West

What do you notice about the pictures of the escapes? Describe what you see in the pictures.

13. “Walled In!” Germany’s Inner Border

Share what you learned that you did not know or realize before the film.

14. Mödlareuth (Little Berlin)

Describe the differences between the photos of 1949 and 2011.

15. President John F. Kennedy 1963

What did these words symbolize to the West Berliners?

16. 2 Different Forms of Government

Notice the 4 political party symbols on the left side and the one political party symbol on the right. Decide which represents either government. Explain the reasoning for your decision.

17. East German Secret Police

What do you think the photo on the right shows?

18. GDR: A Planned Economy

Give examples of consumer goods.

19. Legal Way to Leave

Explain why those who had criticized the government might wish to stay rather than be sent out of the country?

20. Attempts to Escape to the West

What might be some of the ways the people would try to escape?

21. Rabbits in the Death Zone

Make a list describing what happened from the eyes of a bunny.

22. The Cold War Ended...Gorbachev

Predict the changes that might occur for the people.

23. Ronald Reagan at the Berlin Wall

What do you think his goal was?

24. Hungary Opened Borders to the West

Describe the signs that indicate that they people appear rushed and in a hurry. Why reasons would they have to be in a hurry?

25. Monday Demonstrations in Leipzig “We Are the People”

Discuss the events that have occurred earlier that have helped this movement to gain momentum.

26. November 9, 1989, Opening of the Wall

Describe the feelings that a West and East German may have felt on this night.

27. Wall as a Souvenir

Explain how a German might feel if given an original piece of the Wall.

28. Oct 3rd (1990) a Public Holiday Commemorating Reunification

Give some reasons explaining why the people of the GDR would wish to join West Germany.

29. Reunified Germany

Give one reason why the East German Ampelmann might be so popular as a traffic light icon.

30. Brandenburg Gate-a symbol of separation and unity of Germany

List the memories that may come to mind when a German looks at the Brandenburg Gate.