

## HANDOUT 3.2.1

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: THE FALL OF THE WALL MEMORIAL PROJECT

Imagine the German government has decided to construct a new memorial in Berlin to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989. Since the government has decided to hold an international design competition, your group would like to submit a proposal.

#### Directions

- Research the Berlin Wall (1961-1989). Be sure to include a timeline of the events related to the Wall in both German history and the history of the Cold War. What did the Berlin Wall symbolize and how did its collapse affect the history of both Germany and the world?
- Design a memorial for the fall of the Berlin Wall and construct a model. As you develop your design, reflect on the following:
  - How big will it be and what will it be made out of?
  - What will be the best location for it?
  - What would you like people to feel or think about when they visit the memorial you are designing?
  - Who is it built for? What will be the audience?
  - What is the message it will convey?
- Present the model of your memorial design to the selection committee of the *Reichstag* (your classmates). In your presentation, you should do the following:
  - Explain why the fall of the Wall should be memorialized.
  - Identify the intended audience.
  - Provide the reasons behind the design. Why does it look like it does?