

# Berlin Wall

In 1961 the country of Germany was divided in two. On the west side of Germany, people lived in freedom. On the east side of Germany, people were not free. People on the east side of Germany were leaving East Germany to live in West Germany.

The leaders of the government of East Germany did not like this so they built a wall to separate East Germany from West Germany. The Wall was made out of concrete and barbed wire and was watched over in many areas by guards with guns. East German citizens who tried to escape from East Germany to West Germany could be shot without warning. It was very scary and dangerous.

In 1989, the Berlin Wall was taken down and families who were kept apart were able to see each other.

Today, Germany is a united and free country.  
The Berlin Wall is part of history.



## Discussion Questions:

1. List three adjectives to describe the section of the Berlin Wall in the picture.
2. Why do you think people painted on the wall?
3. Why are there people standing on top of the wall?
4. Explain what it would be like to have a wall in the middle of your city.



# Student Assignment

I. Answer the following question in two – four sentences:

What unfair things in the world today would you want to change to make the world a better place?

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III. Attach a photograph or a hand drawn picture to illustrate your work.

