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The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall – Questions

Answer each of the following in complete detail.

1. What four victorious allied countries divided up Germany?

2. What do the Americans and British do when Stalin blocks land routes into West Berlin?

3. How many Germans left the Communist East heading west through West Berlin between 1949 and 1960?

4. Why didn't the Americans smash down the wall when they first noticed it being built?

5. What was the name of the most famous and busy border crossing between East and West Berlin?

6. How was Roswitha Koppen planning on escaping East Berlin?

7. How did the Muller family escape East Berlin?

8. What is Wolfgang Engels' plan to escape from East Berlin to West Berlin?

9. How did Wolfgang Engels know that he had made it into West Berlin?

10. How does Rudolf plan on getting his wife and children out of East Berlin?

11. What happened as Rudolf and his family were heading to the tunnel?

12. How did Ingo Bethke and his friend get through the mine field?

13. What is Peter Strelzyk's plan to escape from East Berlin?

14. What happened on the Strelzyk's first attempt at escape?

15. How much did it cost East Germany to maintain the Berlin Wall each year?

16. How does Holger Bethke escape from East Berlin?

17. How did the East German GDR keep from going bankrupt?

18. Which president was quoted in a speech in front of the Brandenburg Gate saying "Mr. Gorbachev, 'Tear down this wall!'?"

19. How did the Bethke brothers get their brother Egbert out of East Berlin?

20. Which Eastern European Communist country was the first to relax the borders and let the people escape?

21. What was the date that East and West Germany became unified?

22. What was most of the concrete from the dismantled Berlin Wall used for?
