

Reunification of Germany

The fall of the Berlin Wall happened nearly as suddenly as its rise. There had been signs that the Communist bloc was _____, but the East German Communist leaders insisted that East Germany just needed a moderate change rather than a drastic revolution. East German citizens did not agree.

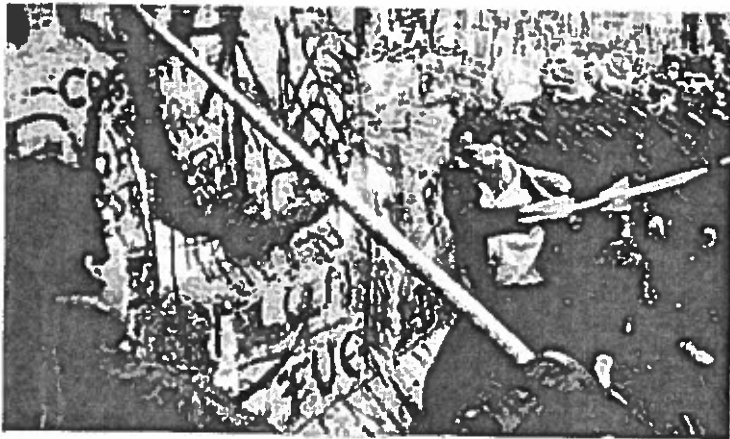
As Communism began to falter in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia in 1988 and 1989, new exodus points were opened to East Germans who wanted to flee to the West.

People were in shock. Were the borders really open? East Germans tentatively approached the border and indeed found that the border guards were letting people cross. Very quickly, the Berlin Wall was inundated with people from both sides. Some began chipping at the Berlin Wall with hammers and chisels. There was an impromptu huge celebration along the Berlin Wall, with people hugging, kissing, singing, cheering, and crying.

The Berlin Wall was eventually chipped away, into smaller pieces (some the size of a coin and others in big slabs). The pieces have become collectibles and are stored in both homes and museums.

After the Berlin Wall came down, East and West Germany reunified into a single German state on October 3, 1990.

How does the bringing down of the Berlin Wall symbolize the end of communism in Eastern Europe...



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1. Use the bottom of this sheet to write a rough draft acrostic poem
 2. Add at least on graphic and a title, you may choose your own font, size, etc. Have fun!

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