

# THE BERLIN WALL — 20 YEARS SINCE THE FALL

## ACTIVITIES

Encourage the students to use books and the internet to complete the following activities.

### *History of the Wall: research*

Research the history of the Berlin Wall. Include information on:

- why the wall was built
- the length of the wall
- how many watch towers were along the Wall
- a description of the Communist Party and their role
- Checkpoint Charlie
- interesting related facts.

### *Timeline*

Create a timeline beginning in 1945 when World War II was over and Germany was divided into four sectors. List important events ending with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany. Refer to websites such as:

[www.dailysoft.com/berlinwall/history/berlinwall-timeline.htm](http://www.dailysoft.com/berlinwall/history/berlinwall-timeline.htm)

### *Map the Wall*

Mark the Berlin Wall on a map of Germany. Use Google Earth to look at where the Berlin Wall ran.

### *Celebrating the fall*

Write a description of the celebrations held in Germany on 9 November 1989.

### *Discussion*

As a class, discuss why people feel the need to start wars and claim territories.

### *Exposition*

Write a short exposition detailing ways we can strive for world peace.

### *Mark the anniversary*

Plan a celebration to mark the fall of the Berlin Wall: what would you do, how would you celebrate?

### *Memories of the Fall*

Find out where your parents or grandparents were when the Berlin Wall came down. Write down or record their memories and present them to the class.