The Berlin Wall

The Berlin Wall was built in 1961. It was built by the communist government of East Germany. The Berlin Wall was built to keep people inside East Germany.

At first, the Berlin Wall was made of wood and wire. It divided East and West Berlin. Later the Berlin Wall was made of concrete. When it was finished, it divided communist East Germany and democratic West Germany.

For many years, no one could enter or leave East Germany. Friends and families could not see or talk to each other. Some people tried to jump over the wall. This was very dangerous. Many people were shot by the communist soldiers when they tried to escape.

In 1989, communism began to collapse, thousands of people from East Germany escaped to Czechoslovakia. Because of this, the East German government began to tear down the wall. Soon, many people from all over the world came to help destroy the Berlin Wall.

Parts of the Berlin Wall still stand as a reminder of the division that existed between East and West Germany. Pieces of the Berlin Wall are sold as souvenirs.
READING COMPREHENSION

Answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. When was the Berlin Wall built?

2. Who built the Berlin Wall?

3. Why was the Berlin Wall built?

4. At first, what was the Berlin Wall made of?

5. What city did the Berlin Wall divide?

6. What was the Berlin Wall made of later?

7. What two countries did the Berlin Wall divide?

8. Were people allowed to leave East Germany?

9. Some people tried to leave East Germany. How did they try to escape?

10. Who killed the people trying to escape East Germany?

11. When did communism begin to collapse?

12. Thousands of people escaped from East Germany. Where did they go?

13. Who helped destroy the Berlin Wall?

14. What did the East German government do?

15. Today, what do parts of the Berlin Wall stand as a reminder of?
VOCABULARY REVIEW

Unscramble the words below from the story. Then write one original sentence for each word.

1. stew
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2. libern laiw
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3. ommcunits
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4. cretonce
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5. venousirs
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6. vidisnio
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7. stea
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Now find the words from above in the Word Search below.
ANSWER KEY - SCRAMBLE AND WORD SEARCH

1. west
2. Berlin Wall
3. communist
4. concrete
5. souvenirs
6. division
7. east