1989: The Fall of the Berlin Wall

1. What was Harold Jaeger’s job on November 9, 1989? What did he do that night that was unusual?

2. What was the Iron Curtain?

3. Explain the situation in Germany after World War II.

4. Why did the East Germans and the Soviets build the Berlin Wall?

5. How was East Berlin different from West Berlin?

6. Why did the United States allow the Berlin Wall to be built?

7. What did Kennedy’s “as a free man I take pride in the words, Ich bin ein Berliner” mean to the people of West Berlin?

8. In 1987, President Reagan went to Berlin. What did he say?

9. What did Hungary do that allowed East Germans to get around the Iron Curtain?

10. What was the result of massive demonstrations in East Germany in November 1989?