

# The Fall of the Berlin Wall Timeline

The fall of the Berlin Wall on November 9, 1989, was a watershed moment in world history. It marked the end of the Cold War and the reunification of Germany after nearly half a century of division. The wall had been a symbol of oppression and division for decades, and its collapse was a victory for freedom and democracy.

This timeline provides a comprehensive overview of the key events leading up to and following the fall of the Berlin Wall. It includes dates, descriptions, and images of important events, as well as links to additional resources.

## 1949



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- The Berlin Wall is built by the East German government to prevent East Germans from fleeing to West Germany.

## 1961

- The Berlin Wall is reinforced with barbed wire and concrete barriers.

## **1971**

- The Four Power Agreement on Berlin is signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and France. The agreement guarantees the sovereignty of West Berlin and its access to East Berlin.

## **1985**

- Mikhail Gorbachev becomes leader of the Soviet Union. Gorbachev introduces policies of glasnost (openness) and perestroika (restructuring) in an effort to reform the Soviet Union.

## **1987**

- President Ronald Reagan delivers his famous "Tear down this wall!" speech in Berlin.

## **1989**

- Hungary opens its border with Austria, allowing East Germans to flee to the West.
- Protests in East Germany intensify.
- On November 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall is opened.

## **1990**

- East and West Germany are reunified.

## 1991

- The Soviet Union collapses.

The fall of the Berlin Wall was a major turning point in world history. It marked the end of the Cold War and the reunification of Germany. It was a victory for freedom and democracy, and it paved the way for a more peaceful and prosperous Europe.

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