

Handout 2 – Germany and the Cold War

Group 1

Group Research

Your group has been assigned one of the following topics viewed or discussed in Part 2 of “The German History Scavenger Hunt” to research: the Berlin Wall; the Berlin Blockade and Operation Vittles; and Gail Halverson and Operation Little Vittles.

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Group 1 - Berlin Wall

Built in 1961, the Berlin Wall completely cut off West Berlin from surrounding East Germany and from East Berlin.

Your research of the Berlin Wall should address the following: Who built the wall and why? What did the wall and death strip look like? How did people attempt to escape East Germany and why did they try?

Suggested Resources:

- History.com Editors. (2010, March 4). Berlin Wall Built. *History.com*, A&E Television Networks. www.history.com/this-day-in-history/berlin-wall-built.
- Boundless. (n.d.). *History of Western Civilization II: The Building of the Berlin Wall* [Lecture notes]. Boundless History, Lumen Learning. <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/suny-hccc-worldhistory2/chapter/the-building-of-the-berlin-wall/>.
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Group 2

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Group 2 - Berlin Blockade and Operation Vittles

The Berlin Blockade was one of the first major international crises of the Cold War. During the multinational occupation of post–World War II Germany, the Soviet Union blocked the Western Allies' railway, road, and canal access to the sectors of Berlin under Western control.

- Why did the Soviet Union shut off Berlin from the Western Allies?
- How long did the blockade last?
- What were the consequences of the blockade on the people of Berlin?
- What was the airlift?
- What did Bob Hope and Irving Berlin have to do with the airlift?

Suggested resources:

- Denise, David and Greg S. Williams. (2020, June). *The Berlin Candy Bomber*. Weebly.com. <http://wigglywings.weebly.com>.
- American Experience Editors. (n.d.). *Berlin Blockade*. Public Broadcasting Service. www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/bomb-blockade/.
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- Palumbo, Mike. (2020). The Berlin Airlift. In Mike Palumbo. *20th Century History Song Book*, <http://20thcenturyhistorysongbook.com/song-book/post-world-war-ii/the-berlin-airlift/>.
- Office of the Historian. (n.d.). *The Berlin Airlift, 1948-1949*. U.S. Department of State. <https://history.state.gov/milestones/1945-1952/berlin-airlift>.

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Group 3

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Group 3 - Gail Halverson and Operation Little Vittles

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Gail Halverson, a pilot during Operation Vittles, initiated Operation Little Vittles - showering Berlin with candy for the children. Research how this project came to be, how it grew, and the response of the children of Berlin.

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- American Experience Editors. (n.d.). *Gail Halvorsen*. Public Broadcasting Service. www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/airlift-gail-halvorsen/.
- PBS. (2014, October 18). *The Candy Bomber* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OmanS-4nc4Y>. (5:01)
- Denise, David and Greg S. Williams. (2020, June). *The Berlin Candy Bomber*. Weebly.com. <http://wigglywings.weebly.com>.