

THE BERLIN WALL



The Berlin Wall was built as a barrier to separate East and West Berlin. At first it was a barbed wire fence erected August 12-13, 1961. It was later built into a solid wall 12 feet high and 4 feet wide guarded by the "Grenzters."

THE COLD WAR



The Cold War was a long period of tension after World War II between the democratic governments of Western countries and the communist governments of Eastern countries. the two main "superpowers" the U.S. and the USSR (Russia) lead the conflict. In Germany, the East was controlled by the USSR and the West by the U.S. Great Britain and France

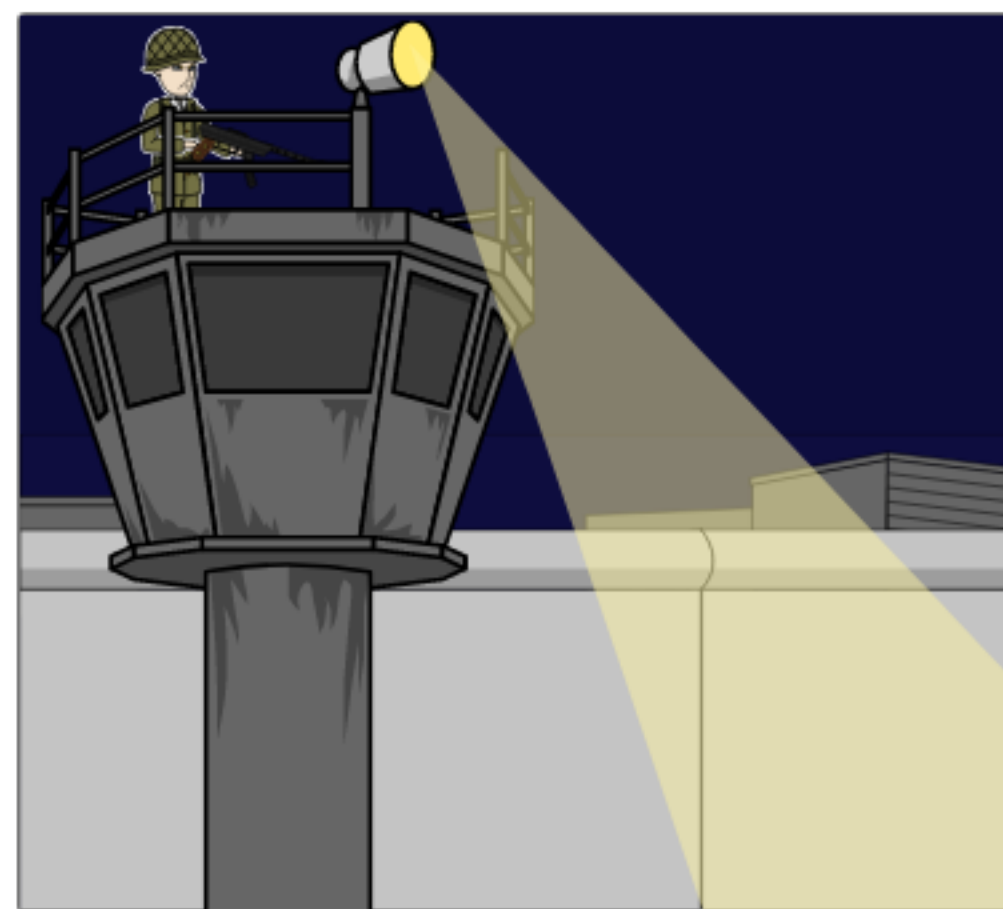
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STASI



The Stasi, or the "Ministry for State Security", was the official state security service of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany, GDR). It was an intelligence and secret police agency that was extremely repressive to its citizens

GRENZERS (GRENZTRUPPEN)



Grenztruppen, nicknamed Grenzters, were the border police that stood guard along the Berlin Wall.