CNN COLD WAR
EPISODE 4
BERLIN (1948-1949)

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1. Why were Germany and Berlin divided after the war?

2. How do eyewitnesses describe conditions in Berlin following the war?

3. According to the video, on what issues did the superpowers disagree regarding Germany?

4. What did the Western Allies plan for their sectors of Berlin? Why did the Soviet Union disapprove?

5. According to Edzard Reuter, why was it so important to the West that the D-Mark be introduced into West Berlin instead of the new East German currency?

6. According to the video, what was Stalin's purpose in setting up a blockade between West Berlin and West Germany?

7. Why did the U.S. opt for an airlift rather than armed confrontation?

8. How much food and coal did the West Berliners have left before the Berlin Airlift?

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9. According to Sir Frank Roberts, what was Stalin's goal in negotiating an end to the blockade?

10. Why did West Berliners go to East Berlin?

11. According to Edzard Reuter, why did 300,000 Berliners assemble at the Reichstag?

12. According to eyewitnesses, how often did planes land in West Berlin? How many missions did some pilots fly each day?

13. Who was the "Candy Bomber" and why is his story significant?

14. What role did RIAS play in the Western Sector?

15. Using eyewitness accounts, assess the effect that the airlift had on the relationship between West Berliners and the United States and Great Britain.

16. Why do you think the conflict over Berlin remained 'cold' instead of 'hot?'