

WORKSHEET FOR STUDENTS

WELCOME TO THE ASISI PANORAMA BERLIN!



From 1961 to 1989 Berlin was divided by a wall – hard to imagine, isn't it? In the panorama DIE MAUER (the Berlin Wall) by the artist Yadegar Asisi, you can experience how life alongside the wall was like.

Yadegar Asisi about his personal experience and his motivation for the panorama: *"I grew up in the GDR and only lived in West Berlin after 1978. I got to know both sides, East and West. But when I asked myself what the way of life was like besides this monstrosity, I was horrified by my answer. Somehow it had become normal and we had arranged ourselves. This panorama describes an ordinary day in November, sometime in the 1980s."*

We wish you an exciting trip to Berlin in the 1980s and the world of panoramas.

Our legend and the texts in the exhibition will help you answer the questions. Good luck!

1. You stand on our observation platform and look over the wall at the border fortifications built by the government of the GDR. On which side of the Berlin Wall are you standing? Compare the city and life on both sides of the Berlin Wall. What do you notice?



2. In the panorama, a sign with the phrase “You are leaving the American sector” appears in different languages. What does it mean?

3. On the other side of the wall, you will see a watchtower with border guards. Why were these towers built there and what was the task of the soldiers?

4. In the panorama you can see a really high tower that was and is visible from all the major streets and visual axes of the entire Berlin area. Name the tower and estimate how high it is.

5. Briefly describe in a few words your feelings when looking at the panorama.

We are glad you joined us.

**You can discuss the worksheet with your parents or with your class and teachers.
Our team will also help you. Please ask us for the correct answers.**

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