



Germany
Divided

STANDARDS:

SS6H3 Explain conflict and change in Europe.

c. Explain how German reunification collapse of the Soviet Union and led to the Cold War.

Alliances

- The US and USSR had the ability to influence world events and project worldwide power.
- As the Cold War continued, more countries allied with each side.
- They formed alliances to protect themselves.

NATO

- In 1949, Western European countries, Canada, & US formed the **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**.
- Each nation in NATO believed the Soviet Union would not attack western Europe if the United States would launch nuclear war in return.



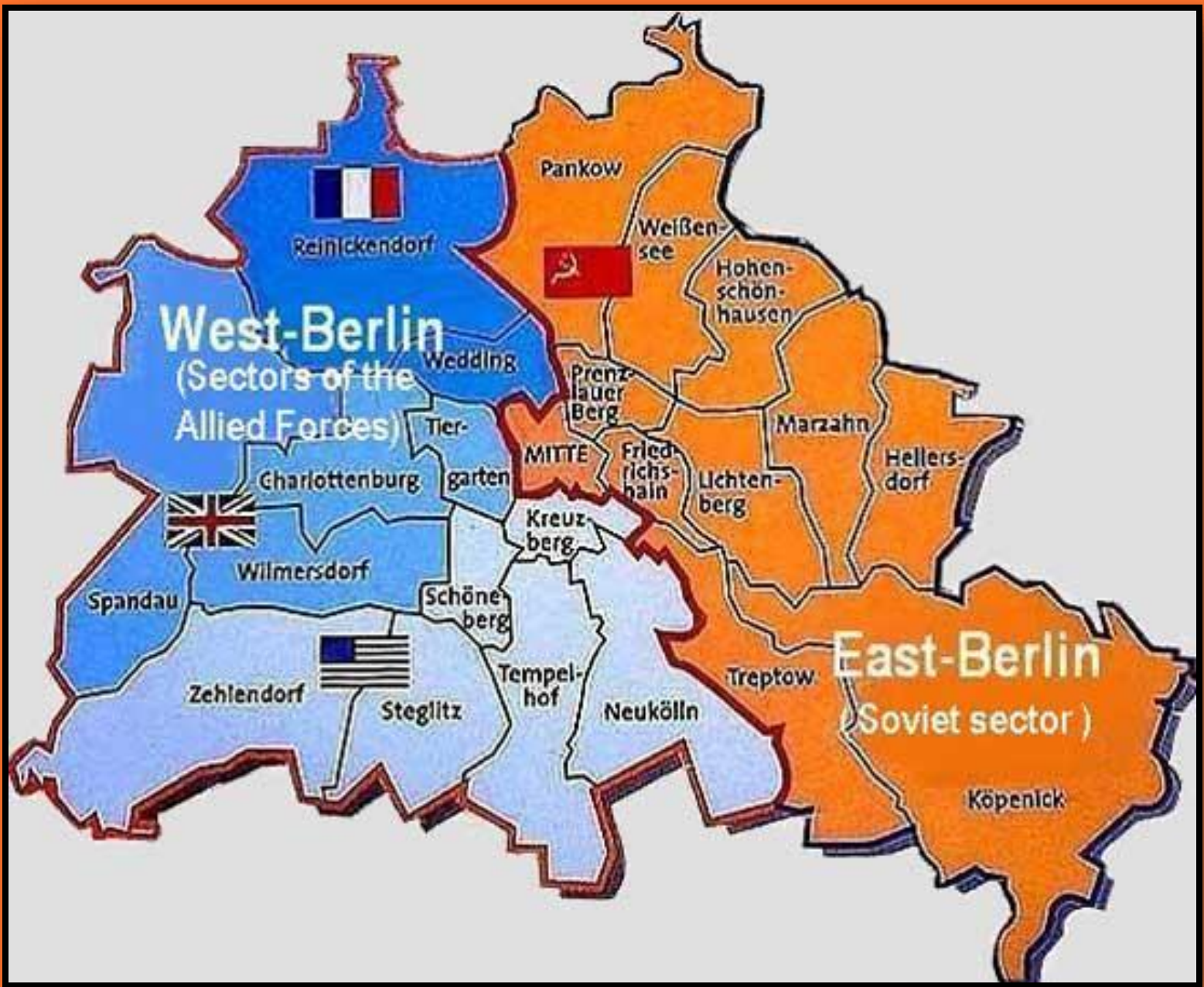
Germany

- At the end of WWII, the Allies divided Germany into 4 sections to keep it from regaining power.
- US, Great Britain, France, & Soviet Union each controlled a section.
- In 1948, the Western Allies wanted to reunite Germany, but the Soviets disagreed.
- The Soviet section became “East Germany” and the reunited sections became “West Germany”.



Berlin

- During the Cold war, there were many “hot spots” (areas of extreme tension).
 - The earliest hot spot was Berlin.
- The Soviets controlled the eastern part of Germany, and the western countries controlled the western part of Germany.
- The capital, Berlin, deep within Soviet-controlled territory, was also divided into four occupation zones.



West-Berlin
(Sectors of the Allied Forces)

East-Berlin
(Soviet sector)

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Blockade

- In June 1948, the Soviets blockaded all land and water traffic into western Berlin hoping to make Britain, France, and America leave the city.
 - (Remember Berlin was in East Germany which the USSR occupied.)
- In response, the United States and Great Britain began an airlift.



Airlift

- What's an airlift?
 - A system of carrying supplies into Berlin by plane day and night. British and American pilots flew in tons of food, fuel, and raw materials.
- How long did it last?
 - 11 months







Now What?

- The airlift is over—now what?
- Germany officially becomes two countries with two governments.
- Bonn becomes the capital of West Germany.
- East Berlin becomes the capital of East Germany.
- West Berlin remains a democratic stronghold, surrounded by communism.