

Name _____ **Berlin Wall**



Checkpoint Charlie

In 1961, To stop people from defecting from East Germany, the Soviets and the East German leaders built the Berlin Wall to separate East and West Berlin. Checkpoint Charlie was one of only several points where people could cross between East and West Berlin once the wall was erected. Checkpoint Charlie was set up in August of 1961 on Friedrichstrasse, a historic street in the center of Berlin that was occupied by the Americans. It was the only crossing through which Allied diplomats, military personnel and foreign tourists were permitted by East Germany to pass into Berlin's Soviet sector. The Allies (the United States, France and Britain) posted military police at Checkpoint Charlie to be sure that their officials could cross the border when they needed to. Over the years, Checkpoint Charlie was the site of many escape attempts out of East Germany, some successful and some unsuccessful. It was also a location for prisoner swaps. Today, a replica of the Checkpoint Charlie guardhouse housing a museum stands on the original site.

DIRECTIONS: Visit the website <https://www.history.com/news/7-things-you-should-know-about-checkpoint-charlie>. Read the article. Choose one of the events described, and note the facts below.

What happened? _____

When did it happen? _____

Who was involved? _____

How was it resolved? _____
