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Without Walls!

fall of the berlin wall 1989 - 2009
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Public Speaking and Graffiti Competition

Tear down this Wall!

November 9, 2009

Monday, 11-2, Main Green

Twenty years ago, on the 9th of November, 1989, the world watched in astonishment as jubilant crowds gathered around midnight on both sides of the Berlin Wall. A peaceful revolution had forced the Wall open. **What is the significance of the fall of the wall? What does it mean to students born twenty years ago?** To present and future generations, the fall of the Berlin Wall sends a universal message of hope. It reminds us that peaceful change remains possible even where hardline regimes reign. It reminds us the freedom will prevail.

You are invited to participate in a public speaking competition addressing the fall of the wall *and/or* to add graffiti to our replica wall. And you will have the chance to **win airline tickets for two to Berlin and hotel for 4 nights!**

Your public speaking presentation should be no longer than 5 minutes. You may give a speech, do slam poetry, or even sing a song. Judges will evaluate your presentation on content, delivery, organization, research and originality.

Wondering about a topic? Here are some suggestions.

The Peaceful Revolution
What history taught us in 1989
The Legacy of 1989
"Freedom without Walls"
The Fall of the Wall: A message of hope
"Wir sind das Volk"
"Wir sind ein Volk"
George Bush visits Berlin August 13th, 1989
John F. Kennedy (1963): "Ich bin ein Berliner"
Ronald Reagan (1987): "Mister Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"
United Germany
Songs by Wolf Biermann, Bettina Wegner

**Please email Professor Sokolosky (Jane.Sokolosky@Brown.edu)
to register as a participant in the public speaking competition.**

All are welcome to participate in the Graffiti competition!
Come watch! Cheer!
Add graffiti to our replica wall! This too is a competition, so be creative!
Enjoy some German food!
And then at 1pm...

Tear down this wall!!
Grab a hammer for Freedom without Walls!