



Germany-Cyprus

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- ▶ Our presentation is about Berlin and Nicosia, the capitals of Germany and Cyprus, the two divided cities. We found a lot of information about this project, in the internet and books.
- ▶ Then we made a movie about a short story *The wall of disgrace* which was written by Christophoros Milionis. The movie story is about a Cypriot teacher back in 1963. In those days he was a teacher in Ammochostos, now an occupied city in Cyprus, the ghost city as we call it. The teacher had assigned his students to design some post cards about the Berlin Wall. Years later the teacher said

I HAVE NEVER THOUGHT THAT SUCH A CATASTROPHE WOULD EVER HAPPEN TO US.

- ▶ *Finally we made a graffiti on one of the walls of our school about the Berlin Wall*

The two divided capitals

- ▶ Berlin and Nicosia, two cities with the same fate!
- ▶ Berlin was and Nicosia is still a divided city. The last divided city in Europe.
- ▶ Same fate but for totally different reason.
- ▶ So many questions in our minds that we all have to discuss and explain. Both Germans and Cypriots were forced to leave their homes, their property and their families.
- ▶ War, missing persons, such a pain.
- ▶ Why and for what is this happening?



Separation of Germany

- ▶ As a result of the 2nd World War (1939-1945), the separation of Berlin began in 1945 after the collapse of Germany. The country was divided into four zones, where each superpower controlled a zone.(Great Britain, France, USA , Soviet Union.)
- ▶ The West wanted to revive the German economy and combined the three western zones into one area. Soviet Union feared this union because it gave the one combined zone more power than its zone.
- ▶ The western powers introduced a new form of currency into the western zones, which caused the Soviet Union to impose the Berlin Blockade one day later. Then Germany was divided into two parts.







The Berlin Wall

- ▶ In 1961 East Germany built the Berlin Wall to prevent its citizens from fleeing to the west. The wall physically divided the country into eastern communism and western democracy. Many East Germans tried to escape to the West because it was economically prosperous and granted its citizens more freedoms.
- ▶ There was a huge number of persons that tried to pass the wall with different ways. Many families were split up, people was trying to find their relatives. The heart of those people was broken.
- ▶ Then in 1989, because of the weakening of the Soviet Union, the stubbornness of the people who lived on the East side area of Berlin and the organized demonstrations by them, the Berlin Wall finally knocked down. All the people were so much happy, for meeting their families again, on their faces you could see the excitement and the happiness, they couldn't believe that after 28 years they managed to see each other again.



Separation of Cyprus

- ▶ Many years later, on 20 of July 1974 a terrible day was rising up in Cyprus.
- ▶ After a Cypriot coup d'état, Turkish forces invaded and captured 30% of the island before a ceasefire was declared.
- ▶ In August 1974 further Turkish invasion resulted in the capture of approximately 40% of the island.
- ▶ Their excuse? They wanted to defend the Turkish Cypriots who lived in Cyprus in peace with the Greek Cypriots.





“The Green line”

- ▶ As a result of the Turkish invasion, Cyprus was and still is divided in two parts by the so called **“The Green Line”**, an imaginary line.
- ▶ The north area of the island is occupied by the Turkish troops and the south area is under the administration of the only legally government in the island, the government of the Cyprus Republic the only one which is recognized by the United Nations and the big family of Europe. Cyprus is a full member of E.U since 2004.
- ▶ The occupation of Cyprus is viewed as illegal under international law.



Results of the Turkish invasion

200.000 refugees

Missing people



*"Οι γονείς μου είναι αγνοούμενοι".
"My parents are missing".*





Please open, I left my soul inside!



BERLIN - NICOSIA
GRAFFITI - CARD POSTAL



Nicosia last divided
city in Europe!

We hope that our
“green wall” will knocked
down like the Berlin wall
did.