

HIS311- March 22, 2016

# The End of the Cold War



# The Berlin Wall

The Wall was built in 1961 to prevent East Germans from fleeing and to stop an economically disastrous drain of workers.



# The Fall of the Berlin Wall (1989)



# AGENDA: The End of the Cold War

- Question of the day: How and why did the Cold War come to an end so abruptly? \*\*
- International dimension
- US – USSR dimension
- Canadian perspective



# Key phases of the Cold War \*EXAM

- Post-WWII: Origins of the Cold War (1945-47)
- Early Cold War (1947-53)
- Crisis and escalation (1953–62)
- Détente (1962–79)
- **Re-escalation of the Cold War (1979–85)**
- **Final years & the end of the Cold War (1985-91)**

# DOCUMENTARY

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- The Fall of Berlin Wall (NFB)