Teaching Resources

Suggested Texts

_The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain_, Peter Sis
Grade level: 3-6
Timeframe: 1950s-1970s
Location: Czechoslovakia

_A Night Divided_, Jennifer Nielsen
Grade level: 3-8
Timeframe: 1961 – rise of the Berlin Wall
Location: East Berlin

_Breaking Stalin's Nose_, Eugene Yelchin
Grade level: 4-7
Timeframe: Cold War
Location: U.S.S.R.

_Cloud and Wallfish_, Anne Nesbet
Grade level: 5-9
Timeframe: 1989 (including the fall of the Berlin Wall)
Location: East Berlin

_The White King_, György Dragomán
Grade level: middle/high school
Timeframe: unstated
Location: Eastern Europe

_Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking: A Memoir of Food and Longing_, Anya von Bremzen
Grade level: high school
Timeframe 20th century
Location: Russia
Lesson Planning

The Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media at George Mason University provides a plethora of information for teaching the history of 1989.

Of particular interest for teaching Cloud and Wallfish are the primary sources about identifying spies. First, is an excerpt from the Facial Recognition Manual used by the East German border police. Next, are copies of two different passports – of the same woman.

How might these documents be used to teach 1989 across different disciplines?
