1989 for Young Learners: A Book Discussion of Cloud and Wallfish University Center for International Studies University of Pittsburgh 10 December 2019

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.



The Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe



Introductory Essay

Sets the scene for the events of 1989 and explains their significance in world history.



Primary Sources

Over 300 primary sources, including government documents, images, videos, and artifacts with introductory notes.



Scholar Interviews

Four scholars focus on the history & events surrounding 1989 through primary sources.



Teaching Modules

Modules provide historical context, strategies, and resources for teaching the history of 1989 with primary sources.



Case Studies

Teaching case studies provide historical context and strategies for teaching the history of 1989 with primary sources.

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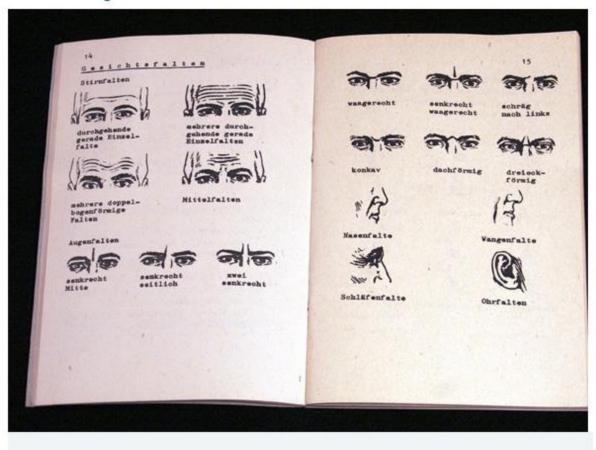
Of particular interest for teaching *Cloud and Wallfish* are the primary sources about identifying spies. First, is an excerpt from the Facial Recognition Manual used by the East German border police. Next, are copies of two different passports – of the same woman.

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

"Do You Know This Woman?" *Making the History of 1989*, Item #714, http://chnm.gmu.edu/1989/items/show/714 (courtesy of the Wende Museum, Los Angeles)

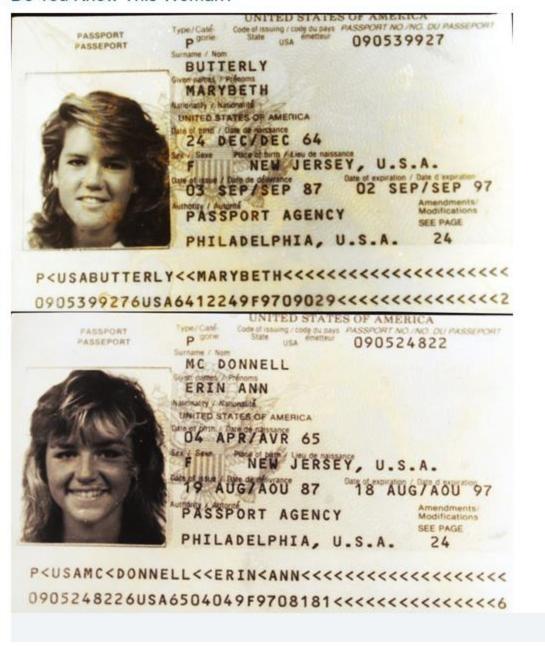
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