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The History of Berlin

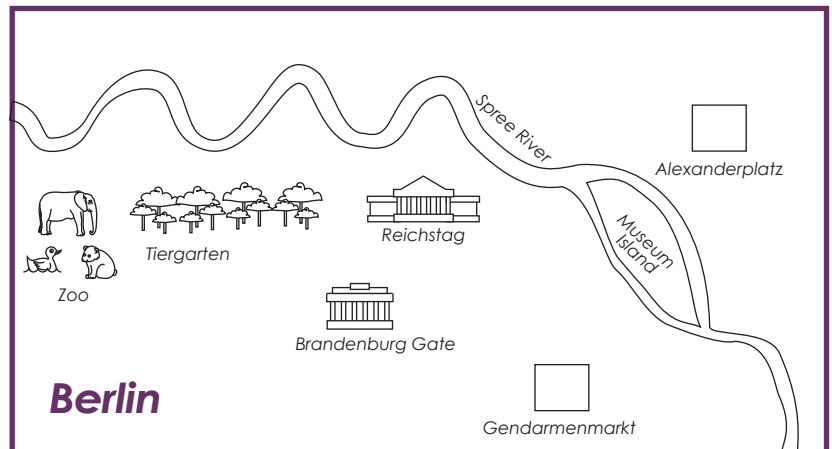
Berlin was established around 1163 by Albert I, commonly known as Albert the Bear. A fire in the town's center in 1380 damaged many of the written records of Berlin's early history. In 1576, the plague came to Berlin and about 6,000 people lost their lives. The Thirty Years' War, waged from 1618-1648, diminished the population further. In 1701, Berlin became the capital of the country of Prussia, and by 1709, the population had risen to 55,000. Under Prussian rule, Berlin became a center of arts and culture. In 1871, Prussia joined with other German states to become the German Empire, with Berlin as its capital. A revolution resulted in Germany becoming a republic, a state in which the citizens are allowed to elect their representatives, in 1919. Bombings during World War II, 1939-1945, destroyed much of the city. After the war, Germany was split into two countries, one called the Federal Republic of Germany and the other the German Democratic Republic. Berlin was split in two as well, with half of the city belonging to each of the new countries. A wall was built through the middle of Berlin to split the city in two. Germany was reunified in 1990, and Berlin was regained its position as a major world city.

Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

The Brandenburg gate, which opened in 1791, became a symbol of unity for German citizens when many flocked there in 1989 to celebrate the fall of the Berlin Wall. Since 1999, the historic Reichstag building has been home to Germany's Parliament. The original building was completed in 1894. Alexanderplatz is a plaza that's been in use since the Middle Ages. Museum Island is home to one of the greatest collections of museums in the world. Gendarmenmarkt is a square that began as a marketplace in the 1600s, and today contains important buildings such as the Concert Hall, German Church, and French Church. The Tiergarten is the oldest public park in Berlin and contains many attractions, including the Zoologischer Garten, or zoo.

Famous Residents

Famous residents of Berlin include Prince Frederick of Prussia; Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm (authors of Grimm's Fairy Tales); actor Marlene Deitrich; American professor and Civil Rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois (who attended the University of Berlin); and artist Lucien Freud..



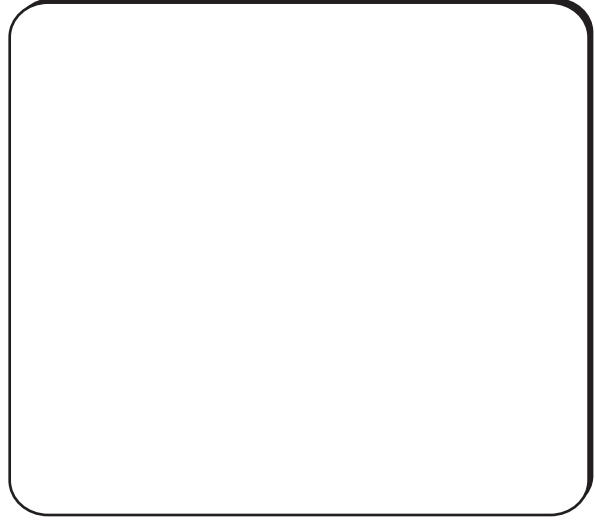
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List the main historic events in order of when they happened:

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