

# The Berlin Blockade, 1948-9

*Cold War: Iron Curtain*



1. What was life like in Berlin in the post-war era?
2. How did Soviet policy towards Berlin differ from that of the West?
3. Why was reform of the German currency a key issue for both sides?
4. Why was the airlift such a major feat?
5. In what respect can the USSR and US be responsible for further increasing tensions during the airlift?



6. Why did Stalin eventually agree to talks over the airlift?



## Extension question

Who was more to blame for Berlin becoming a major flashpoint in the Cold War, the Soviets or the Americans?