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Berlin Wall's Fall

Directions: Answer the following questions about the final years of the Cold War, focusing on the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union. Use complete sentences and your own words.

1. What year did the Berlin Wall fall, marking a turning point in the Cold War?
2. What event did the fall of the Berlin Wall symbolize for the people of Europe?
3. Who was the Soviet leader known for introducing the reforms of *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring)?
4. How did *glasnost* and *perestroika* contribute to the weakening of the Soviet Union?
5. Why was the Soviet economy struggling by the 1980s?
6. What role did U.S. President Ronald Reagan play in the later years of the Cold War?
7. In what year did the Soviet Union officially dissolve, bringing an end to the Cold War era?
8. What happened to many Eastern European countries after the fall of the Soviet Union?
9. How did the end of the Cold War affect the balance of global power?
10. What symbolic phrase did Reagan use in his famous 1987 Berlin speech?