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Berlin Wall's Fall Answer Key

1. 1989
2. The end of communist control in Eastern Europe and the beginning of greater freedom and unity.
3. Mikhail Gorbachev
4. They opened political debate and reduced strict government control, which led to demands for change and independence.
5. The Soviet system was inefficient, spent heavily on weapons, and lacked innovation in consumer goods and technology.
6. He increased pressure on the USSR through defense buildup and diplomacy, famously urging Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."
7. 1991
8. Many became democratic nations and formed closer ties with Western Europe and NATO.
9. The United States became the world's dominant superpower, marking the start of a new global order.
10. "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Teacher's Guide

Tips for Differentiation:

- **For emerging learners:** Provide a short reading passage summarizing 1980s events before students answer.
- **For advanced learners:** Require more detailed explanations that include dates and global reactions.

Engagement Ideas:

- Begin the lesson with video clips or images of the Berlin Wall being dismantled.
- Have students discuss how it might have felt to witness the end of decades-long division.