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Tearing Down the Wall



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Twenty-eight years ago today, the Berlin Wall toppled, and soon the rest of the Iron Curtain followed.

President Ronald Reagan is often credited with

hastening the Soviet Union's collapse, largely due to a speech he made at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate near the end of his presidency, on June 12, 1987. Calling for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to open the barrier that had separated East and West Berlin since 1961, Reagan said, "Mr. Gorbachev - tear down this wall." But was his speech the catalyst for the Berlin Wall coming down? That question is examined in this clip from *The Reagan Presidency: Berlin Wall*, available on **CCC! Streaming Media**.



President Ronald Reagan making his memorable speech at Berlin's Brandenburg Gate - June 12, 1987

Celsius: Where Water Freezes at Zero Degrees... But It Used to Be 100!

Over 300 years ago, on November 27, 1701, Anders Celsius was born in Uppsala, Sweden.

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During his time as professor of astronomy at Uppsala University, along with researching the shape of the earth and the magnitude of stars, he performed experiments aimed at defining an international temperature scale.



Anders Celsius: astronomer, physicist and mathematician

In 1742, he published "Observations of two persistent degrees on a thermometer," in which he set 100 degrees as the freezing point of water and zero degrees as the boiling point. A year after his death, botanist Carl Linnaeus reversed the scale, and thermometers based on Celsius' scale eventually became the common way of measuring temperature in most of the world (but not in America, where we use the Fahrenheit scale). How are Celsius thermometers made? Find out in this clip from "Temperature & Heat," part of **CCC! Streaming Media's Physical Science series**.

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