A major reason for its erection is to stop people from fleeing the poorer sector of East Berlin into West, where the conditions and distribution of wealth was fairer than that in the East.

The fall of the Berlin wall was brought about when the USSR (Khrushchev) said that moving from east to west was now legalized. Many people flooded to the checkpoints to see family and escape while a great number also flooded to the wall with hammers and picks to bring down the most prominent symbol of communist oppression of the cold war era.

America spent more than $120 billion on the war effort

The Berlin Airlift

1948-1949
As Berlin was split into the 4 zones (English, French, USA and USSR), this division proved as temptation for USSR leader Stalin
The USSR blocked all waterways and roadways to East Berlin in an attempt to starve them out of the city, so that the USSR could gain East Berlin as part of the eastern block.
To combat this, the USA, France and England airlifted 2.3 million tonnes of cargo to the blocked parts of Berlin over the year of the blockade

The Korean War

Known as the forgotten war
1950-1952
on June 25th 75,000 soldiers from the North Koreans Peoples Army poured across the 38th parallel (the border established after WWII to separate north and south Korea)
North Korea = Soviet backed
South Korea = USA backed
By July, American troops had entered the war on South Korea’s behalf
America put it upon themselves to fight for South Korea as they saw it less so as north Korea versus south Korea but more so China/USSR vs USA or the usual cold war capitalist vs communist
“If we let Korea down,” President Harry Truman (1884-1972) said, “the Soviet[s] will keep right on going and swallow up one [place] after another.”

The Vietnam War

The Vietnam war was the longest conflict in which Australians participated
November 1st, 1951 – April 30th, 1975
More than 3,000,000 died in the Vietnam war
More than half of this number were Vietnamese civilian casualties
Had the highest count of civilian casualties than any other war
The Vietnam war was between the socialist regime in north Vietnam and its southern allies (the Viet Cong), against South Vietnam and its principle ally the United States