Video Discussion Questions

Behind the Scenes: “Escape to Freedom”

Before Reading “Escape to Freedom”

1. Based on information in the video, summarize what the Cold War was and why it happened.

2. Study the image of Germany that appears at 3:22. What does this image tell you about what life was like in Germany after World War II?

After Reading “Escape to Freedom”

3. How does the segment about the security measures at the Berlin Wall (starting at 5:20) add to your understanding of the article?

4. At 6:18, the narrator Kristin Lewis says, “Perhaps the most important thing I learned while working on this article was that in the face of oppression, human beings have the power to not only endure, but overcome.” How does this idea apply to Hartmut Richter? Explain.