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Individual remembrances Germany

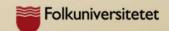
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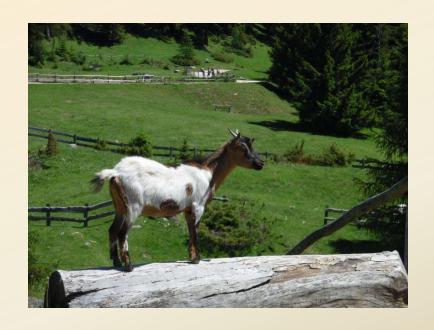












Up to my 4th birthday I used to live in a village too. My parents had a small flat in grandmother's house. My grandmother bred geese und hens and had a goat too. I was very afraid of the goat, because it had dark eyes and a beard. There was a small river nearby with shallow sandy banks. In the summer my sister and I played in the warm puddles of these banks.







When I was 4 years old, my parents bought a house and we moved. Some children lived in each house of the neighbourhood there and we often met outside and played in the streets or in the wood nearby. These times finished slowly when TV came up.

The distance to the primary school (Volksschule) was about 400 meters. The way to the school took about 5 minutes, but back home much longer sometimes because we often played or fought. In the summer we used to wear short pants and went barefoot.





The secondary school (Realschule) was too far away to walk. I used to use the railway in the winter und the bike in the summer. The railway was very old and had only one track and a steam engine. The wooden seats were very uncomfortable.

In the summer I had no season ticket and used the bike in all weathers.

Sometimes I reached the school with wet clothes and I used to dry my shirts or anoraks at the central heating in the classroom.



I lived in a village in the countryside.

Any child had to visit the church on

Sundays. The boys sat on the right

side, the girls on the left.

The mass took about an hour and we felt very bored. When the priest couldn't watch us we chatted and made some nonsense. Sometimes we tried to push the neighbours out of the row.

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Considering the past 15 to 50 years are there European /international occurrences which you would mention as being relevant for you or for the development of Humanity? Albert's answers:

1. Collapse of the wall in Berlin in 1989



3. 11.9.2002 the terror attack in New York



- 1. It was the end of the dictatorship in East Germany.
- 2. Introduction of the common currency
 Euro in Europe in 2002: Relief of
 payment within the concerning states and
 an important step for the unification of
 Europe.

3. The terror attack in the world centre in New York caused a common fight against Islamism.

Considering the past 15 to 50 years are there European /international occurrences which you would mention as being relevant for you or for the development of Humanity? Albert's answers (2):

4. Schengen-agreement



4. This agreement within some states in Europe effects reliefs of travelling without border checks, another step to the unification of Europe.

5. Nuclear accident in Fukushima



5. This accident in Japan is the cause for the turning point of the electricity politics in Germany to decrease nuclear power plants and to support alternative electricity.

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