

Culture and Arts: Bridges to Solidarity (CABS)

Individual remembrances Germany

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Gerda's remembrances

Playing cards



In my childhood (my brother Manfred and I were about 4 and 5 years old) we played cards at home on rainy days. Our mother sat in an armchair and knitted a sweater for us. We had lots of fun and it was very harmonious.

Gerda's remembrances

Summer and winter



At that time, when I went to the front door, there were always a lot of neighbouring children playing. Our friends, my brother and I went swimming in the summer and sledding in the winter. We also played marbles and we were happy children without jealousy of one another.

Gerda's remembrances

Apron and more



I always had to wear an apron for school and my older sister put a big white bow of ribbon on my head. I hated both.

On the way to school I hid the apron and the hideous bow. One day my mother found out what I did and from then on I had no longer to wear any apron and bow.

Gerda's remembrances

Dance and dance again!



When I was 16 years old, the boys in the neighbourhood were allowed to go to dance every Saturday. On Sundays in the morning we met in the courtyard and I got dance lessons, we whistled the hits and after a short time I was able to dance perfectly waltz, cha-cha-cha, twist etc.

Gerda's remembrances

My best dress!



When I grew up, my mother sewed a beautiful dress from an old dress from my aunt. At first I couldn't imagine that it would be something. However, it was exactly as I had dreamed of. It has been my favourite dress for years.

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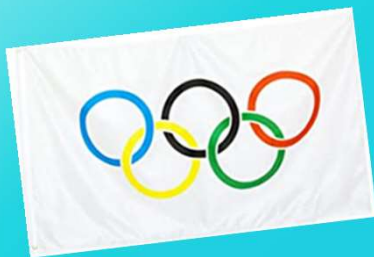
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Gerda's answers (1):

1. *Landing on the moon in 1969*



2. *A sad event happened during the Olympic Games in Munich.*



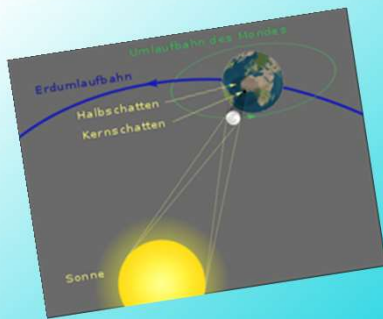
- *The moon landing in 1969 was spectacular. It was the first time that a human was walking on the moon. We could watch this event on TV and I was fascinated!*
- *A sad event happened during the Olympic Games in Munich in 1972. A group of Palestinians detained some Israelis athletes. From our window we could see the two helicopters that landed in the Fürstenfeldbruck air base with the prisoners. Unfortunately, it didn't end well. After the negotiations the kidnappers detonated an explosive device in the helicopter with the prisoners.*

Gerda's remembrances

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Gerda's answers (2):

3. Solar Eclipse in 2016



4. Chernobyl 1986



- *A natural event of a special kind was a complete solar eclipse in 2016. All of Germany was ready to look at this spectacle equipped with special glasses. A fabulous and unique experience!*
- *The news of Chernobyl's disaster was insufficient in our news. There was no express reference to the radioactive rays and the dangers. The father (biologist) of one of my daughter's school friend told us that we have to be careful this summer because of the high rays and to act accordingly.*

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Gerda's answers (3):

5. Tsunami in Thailand



Devastating Natural Calamity

The news of the tsunami in Thailand made me very concerned. Incredible that something so terrible happened on the beach where I used to go on vacation with my husband.