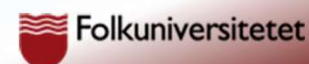




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Helga's remembrances



My childhood

I was born in a small village in Schleswig-Holstein and I lived in a big house together with my mother, my stepfather, my older brother and my younger sister. I went to the primary school there for the first 4 years and then I changed to the secondary school in a bigger place.

My primary school was not far away, about 15 min on foot, so I walked every day together with other children to school. We had always a lot of fun on the way to our school; we were silly and laughed a lot.

The way to my secondary school was longer, about 15 km. When the weather was fine, I rode my bike. During the wintertime I took the train because there was a train connection.

In our school there was no dress code for us and we had mixed classes, girls and boys.



Helga's remembrances

My favourite doll

When I was a child, my brother and I spent always the Christmas Day by my aunt Hertha, my aunt Emma, my uncle Paul and my grandfather. They lived all together in a big cosy house. My aunt Hertha was my favorite aunt, I always spent a lot of time with her because my parents were very busy, we had a grocery store.

My biggest wish that time was a doll with a porcelain head and with hair. My wish came true, I got the doll. I couldn't believe it and I admired my new, lovely doll, her beautiful face with the small nose, the blue eyes and the mouth. So I took the doll and danced with her around and then it happened, my doll fell down and the head of my doll broke into pieces, I don't know thousand shards. I cried and cried and cried and everyone came to see, what had happened.

The whole family came and tried to comfort me. My grandfather hugged me and said, no problem my little girl, tomorrow I will made you a new head for your doll. My grandfather was a carpenter and on the next day he went to his workshop and he made a new head out of wood for my doll and fixed it on the body. My aunt painted the eyes, the mouth and the nose on the face, and a few days later she fastened wool on the head, so it looked like hair and then I had a very beautiful new doll.

Nowadays I believe that she did not really look so nice than before but at that time I loved her and she was my favorite doll for years.

Helga's remembrances



Our Grocery Store

My parents had a grocery store and it was the only one in our village. So it was the meeting point of the people in our village.

Most of the time there were always a lot of people in the shop and we sold everything: food, vegetables, fruits, sweets, ice-cream, very important for me, as well as sausages, cold cut, bread, cigarettes and so on.

I liked to help my mother in the shop, it was always very interesting, I heard a lot of gossip from the village and as a child you are curious.

Helga's remembrances

Hamburg



With 16, when I finished the school, I left the village and moved to Hamburg. A new period of life began. I had wonderful, exciting years in Hamburg together with many new friends. I still love Hamburg today.

Helga´s remembrances

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?

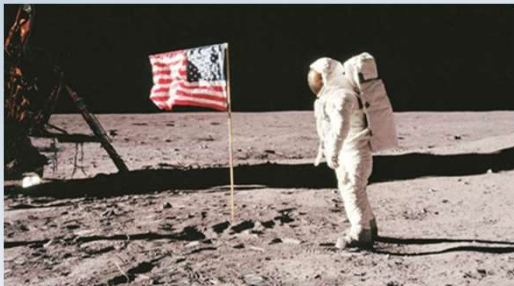
Hélène´s answers (1) :

- *1961 Building of the Berlin wall*

On the 13th of August in 1961 border DDR policemen started to build the Berlin wall. For 28 years it was a symbol of the division of Germany.



- *The Moon Landing 1969: It was really spectacular, the first steps from a man on the moon. Neil Armstrong walked on the moon and 600 million people were watching his first steps on the TV, me too because at that time I was pregnant and so I never forget the date, it was the 21.07.69. My daughter was born on the 24.07.69.*



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Hélène´s answers (1) :

- 1972 The Palestinian attack on the Israeli Olympic team in Munich.

An attempt on Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympics was made by eight members of the Palestinian terrorist group „ Black September“.

They took 9 members of the Israeli Olympic team hostage, after killing two of them previously and they assassinated the others and a West German police officer as well.



- September 11th, 2001



Five hijackers crashed two planes of American Airlines and United Airlines into the World Trade Center. The North Tower and the South Tower were so damaged that both towers collapsed. After this attack a common fight against Islamism started all over the world.

Helga´s remembrances

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Hélène´s answers (1) :



November 9th, 1989

Berlin Wall fell after weeks of peaceful demonstrations of East German citizens. A very emotional moment for the whole population of both sides of Germany.