

## **APPENDIX 1: Sample Questions Accompanying the Eyewitness Reports**

The video sequences (dubbed in English) can be found on the following web page:

<http://projects.mmlc.northwestern.edu/die-wende-eyewitnessvideos/index.html>

### *Introduction and Historical Overview*

#### **Sequence # 1: Siegfried**

- When the wall came down, Siegfried experienced three emotions. What were they?  
Why these three emotions? How does he explain them?

#### **Sequence # 2: Helmut Gischow**

The farmer Helmut Gischow took part in the peaceful demonstrations that partly lead to the collapse of East Germany. Answer the following questions:

- When did the demonstrations take place? Where did they take place?
- The demonstrations began secretly and quietly with only a few people. How did the demonstrations change over the course of time? What was the reaction of the *Stasi*?

#### **Sequence # 3: Volker**

- Why does Volker remember well when the wall came down? Where was he at that time?
- What was the reaction of his parents?
- When did they finally visit the West? Why do you think they waited so long?

#### **Sequence # 4: Simone**

- Simone's reaction to the events surrounding the fall of the wall was quite different than Volker's. In what respect was it different?

**Sequence # 5: Nordhoff**

- Mr. Nordhoff and his son were watching TV that evening. What did the son complain about? How did the father react? What did they do?
- What were the father's impressions from that night? Were they lasting impressions?
- From what you know, which reaction was more typical, Volker's, Simone's, or Mr. Nordhoff's? How would you have reacted? What would you have done?