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The Berlin Wall as a Symbol of Tribal Victory

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INTRO

- Chapman prides its Berlin Wall monument as a symbol of freedom's triumph over tyranny
- Some perceive the Berlin Wall as a "head on a pike"

REASONING

- The commemoration of the Berlin Wall celebrates the historical Fall of the Wall, "the first irreversible sign of the collapse of communism"
- Western democracies continue to go to war with strategically or economically important countries following the Cold War
- Represents "superiority of business and God over...communism"

CONCLUSION

- The Berlin Wall at Chapman is a symbol of conquest that displays capitalism's world domination following the Cold War

Chapman's Berlin Wall monument is the equivalent of placing a head on a pike to symbolize capitalism's "victory" of the Cold War.



World War II
Memorial



World War I
Memorial



Iwo Jima
Memorial



Vietnam
Memorial

TO CONSIDER

- Providing alternative perspectives can move students to question the symbols of authority they encounter in their everyday lives
- It's important to note that very few modern conflict memorials, such as the Vietnam Memorial or the World War II Memorial, contain pieces of stolen enemy property

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