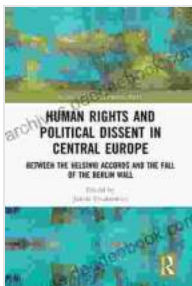


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The Helsinki Accords

The Helsinki Accords were signed on August 1, 1975, by the leaders of 35 European countries, the United States, and Canada. The accords were the culmination of a series of negotiations that began in 1973, and they were intended to reduce tensions between the West and the East during the Cold War.

The Helsinki Accords contained a number of provisions, including:

- * A commitment to respect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states
- * A commitment to refrain from the use of force or the threat of force
- * A commitment to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms
- * A commitment to promote economic and cultural cooperation

The Helsinki Accords were a major step in the détente process that sought to reduce tensions between the West and the East during the Cold War. However, the accords also had their critics, who argued that they were too lenient on the Soviet Union and that they did not do enough to promote human rights in the Eastern bloc.

The Fall of the Berlin Wall

The Berlin Wall was built in 1961 by the German Democratic Republic (GDR) to prevent its citizens from fleeing to the West. The wall became a symbol of the division of Europe during the Cold War.

In the late 1980s, a series of protests and demonstrations began to take place in the GDR, calling for greater freedom and democracy. On November 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall was opened, and thousands of East Germans crossed into West Berlin.

The Fall of the Berlin Wall was a major turning point in the Cold War. It marked the end of the division of Europe and the beginning of a new era of cooperation between the East and the West.

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The Helsinki Accords and the Fall of the Berlin Wall also had a significant impact on the rise of new political and social movements in Europe. The accords helped to create a more open and democratic environment in Europe, which allowed for the growth of new political parties and social movements. These movements played a major role in the transformation of Europe in the late 20th century.

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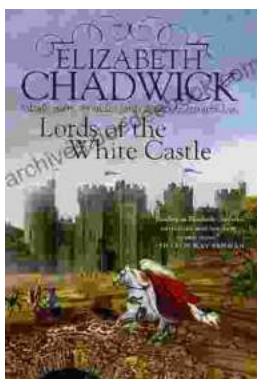


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