



The power of words - Valentin and Thibaut

Elaine: First of all, would you introduce yourself.

Valentin: Yes, of course. I am Valentin Person(?), and I am 16 years old.

Elaine: And you are going to talk about the speech, or the song, about the speech. What speech you have chosen and why.

Valentin: We have chosen John F. Kennedy's speech. We have chosen this speech because it was very important in the past during the Cold War when the East Germany and the West Germany were separated by a wall, so this speech of John F. Kennedy changed the wall because a few hours after the speech with this famous and intense Ich Bin ein Berliner, the two parts of Germany come together to form a united Germany.

Elaine: OK, what influence perhaps do you think this will have on you in the future? What influence do you feel this John Kennedy speech will have on you?

Valentin: Er, this speech of John F. Kennedy has a positive effect on me. For example, for the other because men or women after listening to this speech can with some words change the world and not with violence and war.

Elaine: And your name is?

Thibaut: So my name is Thibaut and I am 17 years old. So the song and the speeches that we chose are linked, because the song and the speech are about John F. Kennedy's speech. Also the song is very expressive and the lyrics are those of John F. Kennedy's speech. With the song we understand that the speech of John F. Kennedy change the lives of many people in Germany.

Elaine: Personally, how has John Kennedy's speech, or the song, yes, his speech.

Thibaut: The song and his speech are about the speech Ich Bin ein Berliner that John F Kennedy pronounced in Berlin during the Cold War when East Germany and West Germany were separated by a wall.

Elaine: Yes, and Ich Bin ein Berliner is I am from Berlin, I am from Berlin and we are equal.

Thibaut: Yes.

Elaine: Thank you very much and I wish both of you very good luck in whatever you do in the future and may the inspiration you have from the songs and this speech carry you forward.

Thibaut: Thank you.