



Chapter 3: Expectances

- planning and realization of the COMENIUS – project
- expectances depended on newspaper and TV reports, that we heard/read

During the first meetings of our group, which consisted of students of the Lise-Meitner-School, we thought intensively about planning and realisation of this project. Our meetings took place beginning in October 2004 at least every fortnight in our school.

At the beginning we thought about our first visit in Bitterfeld. First we talked about our ideas we had about industrial and mining regions in the countries in the former GDR. The different opinions resulted mainly from reports about the industrial operation in the former GDR from eyewitnesses and newspaper reports. These reports were quite different but they all had the same direction.

(1) In the region of Bitterfeld only 10% of the children are healthy

(2) The situation is adventurous: Poisoned drinking water endangers the health of hundreds of thousands east German people

What did we expect to find in Bitterfeld ?

The thought bubble contains the following labels and corresponding images:

- dangerous waste
- stinky smoke
- damaged environment
- empty houses
- smog over the hole city
- chemical waste
- fog
- poisons
- polluted city
- no future for children
- a ghost town
- destroyed environment
- waste disposal sides
- smoke
- old people everywhere
- damaged trees and plants
- dirt
- unhappiness
- hazardous environment
- homeless people
- big industrial sides
- unemployed people everywhere
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