

Unification of Italy

1815

- Napoleon is captured
- Time to divide his empire and answer the following questions:
- How do you prevent the rise of another Napoleon?
- How do you establish a lasting peace & genuine balance of power?

1815

- If you redraw the map, where do the boundaries go?
- Should members of the Grand Alliance be rewarded for capturing Napoleon?

Congress of Vienna 1815:

The Congress that was established in 1815 to address the balance of power and a lasting peace in Europe

- Who was invited?
- England
- Austria
- Spain
- Denmark
- Sweden
- Prussia
- France
- Russia

Italy

- After the Congress of Vienna Italy is divided by Austria, Papal States, and Spain
- Sardinia:**
 - Island in the Mediterranean that decides to lead the efforts to unify Italy
 - Strong parliamentary system, very modern but..
 - Tiny and no military

Italy

- No shared history
- No Unity
- No Military
- Not since Caesar has Italy been unified
- How will tiny Sardinia manage to unite Italy? Let's find out...

Obstacles to Unity

- Before unification Italy is controlled by Austria, Pope, and Spain**
- Who do you attack first?
- “Big Dog” Theory
 - Knock off toughest adversary
 - Nationalism will follow
 - Spain will be in trouble
 - The pope will be in an Italian sandwich

Giuseppe Mazzini

- Appealed to all Italians
- Forwarded the ideas of Nationalism and Brotherhood
- Romantic Revolutionary
- “Poster Child” of Italian Unification

Count Camille Cavour

- Intellectual Sardinian diplomat that leads the effort to unify Italy**
- Brains behind Italian Unification
- Architect of Italian Unification
- What is diplomacy?

Diplomacy

- Art of negotiation, Persuasion, Manipulation
- Brokering peace deals
- Bringing parties together for agreements

Napoleon III

- Distant relative of Napoleon
- Took his name to be associated with his greatness
- Not very smart
- Paris
- Made many bad foreign policy decisions

You need an ally...

- Who will Sardinia ask to help them fight the Austrians?

THE DEAL: Cavour and Napoleon III agree to the following:

- In return for driving the Austrians out of Northern Italy Napoleon will get the provinces of Nice and Savoy**
- Nice and Savoy have no military or economic significance
- They will also get the Austrians pushed back from their border
- But...

Fighting the Austrians

- Napoleon has dreams of once again planting the French flag in Italy
- Why won't this work?
- Nationalism and lessons learned from the French Revolution!
- Well...it works and Austria leaves Italy

Northern Italy

- Nationalism starts to grow in N. Italy
- France realizes Cavour has made alliances with other nations and becomes isolated
- 1860 Sardinia annexes all of N. Italy except for Venetia
- King Victor Emmanuel II assumes leadership role in N. Italy. He is really the puppet of Cavour
- What about the South?

Giuseppe Garibaldi

- Spain controlled the Kingdom of the two Sicilies to the south
- **Cavour enlisted Garibaldi to drive out the Spaniards in the South**
- **Using terrorist tactics Garibaldi and the “Red Shirts” gained control of S. Italy**
- Garibaldi desired to control Nice-Why is that bad for Cavour?

Victor Emmanuel II

- **Becomes King of the new unified Italy**
- He is still the puppet of Cavour
- Cavour becomes first Prime Minister of Italy
- Pope remains at Vatican

United Italy

- What happened to the Pope?
- He gave away all of the Papal States to Cavour except for Vatican City
- Italy was now unified, but what problems does a unified Italy face?

Unification of Germany 1840-1871

Central Europe 1840's

- 39 separate states
- 36 are Protestant
- 3 are catholic and hug the French border (Alsace Lorraine)
 - People in Alsace Lorraine are Bilingual
 - German Architecture
 - A lot of Natural Resources, Coal, Railroads

German States

- Prussia holds ½ of the German States
- Austria control 1/3 of the German States
- Which countries would stand to lose if the German states united? Who would stand to gain?

Obstacles to Unification

- Does France want a united Germany?
 - Borders Germany
 - Germany would control French natural resources in the Rhine River Valley

Obstacles to Unification

- Does Austria want a united Germany?
 - Would lose German states (most precious)
 - Austria is a military power, but deeply divided along ethnic lines

Obstacles to Unification

- Who wants a united Germany?
- Prussia:
 - One of the strongest militaries in Europe
 - Unification would be good for Prussia as it would become even more powerful and gain valuable resources

How will Prussia unite Germany?

- Otto Von Bismarck
- Smart, pragmatic, practical leader that was the mastermind of German unification
- Wilhelm I (King of Prussia) Puppet of Bismarck
- Should you attack Austria?
- You can only use your military for defense
- Lion vs. Lamb
- You must provoke Austria and France into a fight if you want to gain control of the German states

How do you provoke Austria?

- 1864 Bismarck reaches out to Austria to give them aid in attacking Denmark
- 2 port cities would be divided between the Prussians and Austrians
- Austrians would gain access to the sea for trade
- Prussia and Austria win the war and gain control of the two cities

Austria vs. Prussia

- Neither country makes any money off of the two port cities
- Bismarck starts a propaganda campaign announcing that Prussia will take control of the Austrian port city if they can not make a profit
- Austria becomes angry with Bismarck's threats and attacks Prussia in 1866

7 Weeks War

War fought between Prussia and Austria for control of the German states

- Austria
 - Loses all of their German States
 - Economy suffers
 - Austrians look weak in the eyes of the world

7 Weeks War

- Prussia
 - Gain all of the German states except those controlled by France
 - German nationalism begins to spread

How do you provoke France?

France just ended an unpopular war with Italy

- Bismarck gets lucky in 1868
- King of Spain dies and a Prussian Prince is named as successor: Leopold
- What does this have to do with France?
- Newspapers in France start the drumbeat of war, but....
- Leopold chickens out and Bismarck's plan is foiled...
- Or is it? (Bismarck Reading)

1870 France declares war on Prussia

- Bismarck fashions a style of fighting wars with "Blood & Iron" or Army & Industry
- Bismarck follows a foreign policy of Realpolitik: By whatever means necessary
- Who does this sound like?
- Machiavelli-the ends justify the means, ruthless but effective

1871 Prussia wins the Franco Prussian War

- French states end up choosing nationalism over religion and become Prussian states
- France is weakened
- **As a result of the defeat in the Franco Prussian war France loses the Catholic states of Alsace Lorraine: an area of great industrial wealth and natural resources**
- Reparations (5 billion francs)
- **As a result of the defeat France develops a terrible national hatred of the Germans (Bitterness never goes away)**
- French vow revenge to get back Alsace Lorraine

For Prussia

- Win final German states
- Completely unify Prussia as Germany
- Why Germany?
- People are German in Language, Culture, and Heritage
- **Kaiser is established: Wilhelm I is named the new king or "Kaiser" of the newly established Germany**
- Bismarck is named Chancellor
- Germany controls the Rhine River Valley
- Germany becomes new "Hulk" of Continental Europe...who does that worry?