

Mass Politics & Imperialism

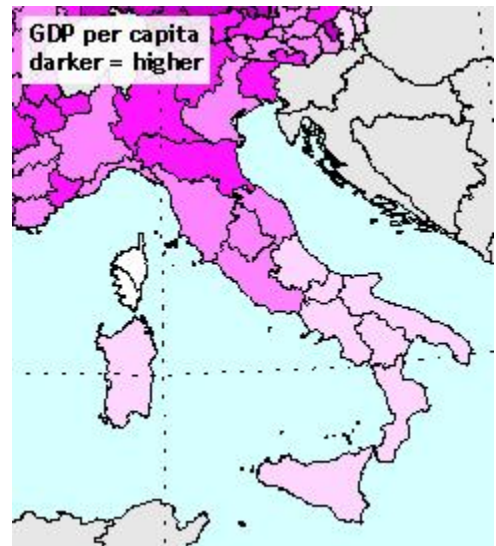
Enduring Understandings

1. Although many leaders tried to secure the unification of Italy, Count Camillo Cavour was successful due to his political power, his growing network of alliances, & his diplomatic savvy.

- Camillo Cavour is a Real Politik
- Cavour was the count of Cavour
- After making many reforms in Piedmont, he grew in power
- Finally becoming prime minister
- Cavour led Piedmont through many wars, gaining alliances along the way
- By understanding what people want, Cavour successfully united Italy

2. Political, economic, and social differences between Northern & Southern Italy combined with international interference made it difficult to unify Italy

- Economically, northern Italy is much wealthier than the south
- Because of the flat lands of the north, factories thrived
- Socially, the southern states of Italy are considered to be uncivilized, and un-Italian
- Northern Italy is much more nationalistic and were pro unification while the south was not



3. Nationalism was a major factor in the unification of both Italy & Germany.

- Bismarck wanted to unite the German people under one rule
- Germany's great sense of nationalism caused them to strongly unite during the Austro-Prussian and Franco-Prussian wars
- Northern Italy was ready for unification because of their strong sense of nationalism.
- The southern states had to be somewhat forced by Garibaldi

4. Separatism dating from the 16th century, and competition for control between Austria and Prussia thwarted many efforts at German unification

- Germany had tried many times in the past to become their own nation
- Because Austria and Prussia were both large powers, they wanted a piece
- This caused German unification to fail
- Bismarck successfully unified Germany by leaving Austria out of the picture

5. Germany was unified due to Machiavellian policies of Otto von Bismarck

- The dictionary definition of Machiavellian is: characterized by subtle or unscrupulous cunning, deception, expediency, or dishonesty.
- Bismarck used his cunning and deception to gain allies
- With these allies, Bismarck united Germany in the Franco-Prussian war

6. The Prussian military tradition dominated the new German government and its policies.

- Prussian military tradition is characterized by a huge standing army

- Because Prussia had such a heavy influence in German unification, these traditions were the building blocks of German policies
- Like Prussia, Germany grew its army to huge numbers, also causing an upset in the balance of power

7. Following unification, Germany was one of the first nations to adopt widespread social welfare programs.

- Germany unified pleasingly close to the start of the 2nd Industrial Revolution
- Because of this, Germany thrived ahead of all other countries
- Germany's rise in economy caused them to support their people much more than other European nations.