

Unification of Germany



Q: What does unification mean?

Unification = become one

Q: If this is about Germany becoming one, what does that mean about Germany before this?

Germany was divided



Nationalism grew in Prussia during 1800s

Q: Why did nationalism grow?



Germany

Germany = former Holy Roman Empire

Q: What do we know about the HRE? Religion? Wars? Major states? Hated enemy? Rulers?

Bismarck = prime minister of Prussia

Bismarck makes Germany **B.I.G.**

B. Bismarck used war & German nationalism



Bismarck, Prime Minister of Prussia

Q: Who did we learn first made Prussia into a military power?

Great issues of the day will be decided... by blood and iron.

I. "I do whatever it takes" = realpolitik

Q: If you're willing to do anything to get what you want - you believe in realpolitik - then what sort of things might you do?



I believe in realpolitik, so I'll do whatever it takes to get what I want!

G. Germany unified after Franco-Prussian War (1870)

Q: Who did the HRE, and therefore the Prussians, hate?



Reflection:

Why would a nationalist like Bismarck want the German states to become BIG and united?