

TEACHER NOTES PART #1

UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

I. Three elements in the Unification of Germany:

- A. The State: The most important of the German states was **Prussia**.
- B. The Man: **Bismarck**
 - 1. His goal was to unify all of the German states into one super-power.
- C. The Method: War
 - 1. Danish War 1864
 - 2. Austro-Prussian War 1866
 - 3. Franco-Prussian War 1871

II. Factors for Unification:

- A. Race: A consciousness of belonging together
 - 1. A common language, culture, written language
- B. National Music and Literature
 - 1. **Mozart, Bach, and Beethoven**
- C. Feelings of liberalism and nationalism
- D. **Custom Union**- Lower tariffs between German states
- E. **Napoleonic Code of Laws**- gave all 35 of the states a common set of laws

III. Factors Against Unification:

- A. Large number of states, 35
- B. The **Confederation** was working just fine
- C. Religion:
 - 1. South- **Catholic**
 - 2. North- **Protestant**
- D. Outside Influences:
 - 1. Other countries didn't want Germany to become a nation. This would disturb the **Balance of Power** in Europe.
 - 2. France was especially worried about Germany becoming a nation because she would be a strong rival right next door.
- E. Austrian and Prussian Rivalry

IV. Frankfort Assembly:

- A. Meeting of German states to discuss unification
- B. Bismarck, the chancellor of Prussia, used this assembly as a way of showing that Prussia was strong and wasn't going to be bullied by Austria.
 - 1. Although Bismarck was the chancellor and ran just about everything, Prussia did have a king who had to okay all of his moves, and this man was **William I.**

V. Danish War:

- A. Austria and Prussia vs. Denmark (1864)
- B. Cause:
 - 1. A new Danish constitution announced that the provinces of **Schleswig and Holstein** would become part of Denmark.
- C. Bismarck wanted to keep his rival, Austria, content so he suggested a joint invasion of these provinces.
- D. In a very short war, Denmark was defeated, and the provinces were split between Prussia and Austria.
- E. First step in the Unification of Germany

QUESTIONS FOR UNIFICATION OF GERMANY (PART #1)

1. What German state, more than any other, pushed for German Unification?
2. What man, more than any other, pushed for German Unification?
3. What method was used to create the modern nation of Germany?
4. What was the name of the first war on the road to German Unification?
5. What are the two major religions within Germany?
6. What code of laws gave all 35 German states a common law code?
7. Why didn't other European countries want Germany to become a nation?
8. Define nationalism.
9. What other German state was a rival to Prussia?
10. What territory did Prussia and Austria gain as a result of their war with Denmark?

ANSWER KEY

1. Prussia
2. Bismarck
3. War
4. Danish War 1864
5. Catholic and Protestant (Lutheran)
6. Napoleonic Code
7. If Germany became a nation, it would upset the balance of power.
8. The total belief in your nation, whether it is right or wrong.
9. Austria
10. Schleswig and Holstein