

German Unification

Nationalism on the Rise

1. Nationalism = Love for your country
2. Loyalty to your country, not to a ruler
3. Increased all over Europe after Napoleon
4. Nationalists angry after Congress of Vienna
5. Not happy that power went back to kings

Bismarck in Charge

1. Germany not united after Congress of Vienna
2. Still the broken up HRE
3. Otto von Bismarck takes the lead
4. Wants Germany to be united
5. Thinks war is the way to do this
6. Unity through "iron and blood"

Realpolitik

1. Realpolitik is Bismarck's way of doing things
2. Do whatever you have to do
3. The ends justify the means

Franco-Prussian War

1. War breaks out between France and Prussia
2. Franco-Prussian War
3. Prussians (Germany) wins easily
4. Declare creation of united Germany
5. Blood and iron/realpolitik in action
6. Nationalists get their way
7. Germany is unified (brought together)

Realpolitik in Action

1. Bismarck is in charge of Prussia
2. Wants to start a war with France
3. Alters a telegram between France and Prussia—Ems Dispatch
4. Makes it look bad for both sides
5. Both sides ready to fight

