

Q1) Which state led the unification of Germany?

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Q2) Who was proclaimed the German Emperor in a ceremony held at Versailles on Jan 1871?

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Q3) Describe the process of unification of Germany.

- Middle-class Germans, who in 1848 tried to unite the different regions of the German Confederation into a nation-state governed by an elected parliament.

- This liberal initiative to nation - building was, however, repressed by the conservative forces of the monarchy and the military supported by the large landowners of Prussia.
- Prussia took on the leadership of the movement for national unification.
- Its chief minister, Otto von Bismarck, was the architect of this process carried out with the help of the Prussian army and ~~administration~~ bureaucracy.
- Three wars with Austria, Denmark and France ended in Prussian victory and completed the process of unification. In Jan 1871; the Prussian king, William I, was proclaimed German Emperor in a ceremony held at Versailles.