

HW - 23/7/21

③ Describe the process of unification of Germany.

Ans: The middle-class Germans tried to unite the different regions of the German Confederation into a nation-state governed by an elected parliament.

\* The liberal initiative was supported by the large landowners (called Junkers) of Prussia.

- \* Prussia took the leadership of the movement for national unification
- \* Otto von Bismarck was the architect who carried out with the help of the Prussian army and bureaucracy.
- \* In order to unify Germany 3 wars over 7 years with Austria, Denmark & France - ended in Prussian victory & completed the process of unification
- \* In January 1871, the Prussian King William I was proclaimed German Emperor in a ceremony held at Versailles.

Q. what was the process of unification of Italy?

Ans- During the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Italy was divided into 7 states of which only one, Sardinia-Piedmont was ruled by an Italian prince - king.

\* The north was under Austrian Habsburg, the centre was ruled by the pope & the southern regions were under the domination of the Bourbon Kings of Spain.

Q. Describe the process of Britain?

Ans- The process of unification of Britain :-

(i) Before the 18<sup>th</sup> century, there were different ethnic identities with its own culture & politics - English, Welsh, Scot & Irish.

- \* As the English nation's wealth & power increased, its influence over other island nations also increased.
- \* English parliament had taken the power from the monarchy in 1688 after a long conflict. It became an instrument in building the nation-state of Britain, with England at its ~~middle~~ center.
- \* United Kingdom of Britain was established through the Act of Union in 1707 between England & Scotland.
- \* Scotland eventually got suppressed by the English politically & culturally as the British parliament was dominated by the English.