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1. Which state led the unification of Germany?

Prussia

2. Who was proclaimed the German Emperor in a ceremony held at Versailles on January 1871?

Kaiser William I

3. Describe the process of unification of Germany?

→ The middle-class Germans, also in 1848 tried to unite the different regions of German confederation into a nation-state governed by an elected parliament.

→ This Liberal initiative to nation-building was repressed by combined forces of monarchy supported by large-land owners of Prussia.

→ Its chief-minister, Otto-von Bismarck was the architect of this process with the help of Prussian army and bureaucracy.

-> Three wars over seven years with Austria, Denmark and France ended in Prussian victory.

-> In January 1871, William I was proclaimed German Emperor in a ceremony held at Versailles