

Q1. Describe the process of unification of Germany?

Ans → (i) The middle-class Germans had tried to fight for a united nation governed by an elected parliament in 1848 but were repressed by the monarchy and military.

(ii) Otto von Bismarck, Chief minister of Prussia led the movement for unification of Germany. He was supported by the bureaucracy & the Prussian army.

(iii) After 3 wars with Austria, Denmark & France, Prussia won and unified Germany. The Prussian king, William I, was proclaimed the German emperor in Jan. 1871.

Q2. Describe the process of unification of Italy?

Ans → (i) In the mid-19th century, Italy comprised of 7 states out of which only Sardinia-Piedmont was a princely state.

(ii) In 1830, Giuseppe Mazzini established a secret society called Young Italy and bring about a revolutionary uprising but failed.

(iii) Chief minister Cavour diplomatically joined Sardinia-Piedmont, in an alliance with France.

(iii) It defeated by Austrian forces.

(iv) Armed volunteers led by Giuseppe Garibaldi also supported the troops and they marched into South Italy and the kingdom of Sicilies. They got the support of the peasants there.

(v) In 1861, Victor Emmanuel II was declared the king of unified Italy. However, most of the Italians were unaware of the idea of liberal-nationalist ideology.

Q3. Describe of process of unification of Britain?

Ans → (i) Before the 18th century, there were different ethnic identities with its own culture and politics - English, Welsh, Scot and Irish.

(ii) As the English nation's wealth & power increased, its influence over other island nations also increased.

(iii) 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 center.

ess iv) United Kingdom of Britain was established through the Act of Union in 1707 between England and Scotland.

(v) Scotland eventually got suppressed by the English politically and culturally as the British parliament was dominated by the English.