

1) Which state led to 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) Narrate the process of unification of Germany.

(i) The middle-class Germans, who in 1818 tried to unite the different regions of the German confederation into a nation-state governed by an elected parliament.

(ii) It was opposed by the monarchy and the military but supported by the large landowners of Prussia.

(iii) Prussia took on the leadership of the movement for national unification.

(iv) Its chief minister, Otto von ~~von~~ Bismarck, was the architect of this process carried out with the help of the Prussian army and bureaucracy.

(v) In order to unify Germany, Otto von Bismarck carried out three wars in seven years i.e., Austria, Denmark and France which ended in Prussian victory and completed the process of unification.