Unification of Italy

1815

• Napoleon is captured
• Time to divide his empire and answer the following questions:
• How do you prevent the rise of another Napoleon?
• How do you establish a lasting peace & genuine balance of power?

1815

• If you redraw the map, where do the boundaries go?
• Should members of the Grand Alliance be rewarded for capturing Napoleon?

Congress of Vienna 1815:
The Congress that was established in 1815 to address the balance of power and a lasting peace in Europe
• Who was invited?
  • England
  • Austria
  • Spain
  • Denmark
  • Sweden
  • Prussia
  • France
  • Russia

Italy

• After the Congress of Vienna Italy is divided by Austria, Papal States, and Spain
• Sardinia:
  — Island in the Mediterranean that decides to lead the efforts to unify Italy
  — Strong parliamentary system, very modern but..
  — Tiny and no military

Italy

• No shared history
• No Unity
• No Military
• Not since Caesar has Italy been unified
• How will tiny Sardinia manage to unite Italy? Let’s find out...

Obstacles to Unity

• Before unification Italy is controlled by Austria, Pope, and Spain
• Who do you attack first?
  • “Big Dog” Theory
    — Knock off toughest adversary
    — Nationalism will follow
    — Spain will be in trouble
    — The pope will be in an Italian sandwich
Giuseppe Mazzini
• Appealed to all Italians
• Forwarded the ideas of Nationalism and Brotherhood
• Romantic Revolutionary
• “Poster Child” of Italian Unification

Count Camille Cavour
• Intellectual Sardinian diplomat that leads the effort to unify Italy
• Brains behind Italian Unification
• Architect of Italian Unification
• What is diplomacy?

Diplomacy
• Art of negotiation, Persuasion, Manipulation
• Brokering peace deals
• Bringing parties together for agreements

Napoleon III
• Distant relative of Napoleon
• Took his name to be associated with his greatness
• Not very smart
• Paris
• Made many bad foreign policy decisions

You need an ally...
• Who will Sardinia ask to help them fight the Austrians?

THE DEAL: Cavour and Napoleon III agree to the following:
• In return for driving the Austrians out of Northern Italy Napoleon will get the provinces of Nice and Savoy
• Nice and Savoy have no military or economic significance
• They will also get the Austrians pushed back from their border
• But...

Fighting the Austrians
• Napoleon has dreams of once again planting the French flag in Italy
• Why won’t this work?
• Nationalism and lessons learned from the French Revolution!
• Well...it works and Austria leaves Italy

Northern Italy
• Nationalism starts to grow in N. Italy
• France realizes Cavour has made alliances with other nations and becomes isolated
• 1860 Sardinia annexes all of N. Italy except for Venetia
• King Victor Emmanuel II assumes leadership role in N. Italy. He is really the puppet of Cavour
• What about the South?
Giuseppe Garibaldi
• Spain controlled the Kingdom of the two Sicilies to the south
• Cavour enlisted Garibaldi to drive out the Spaniards in the South
• Using terrorist tactics Garibaldi and the “Red Shirts” gained control of S. Italy
• Garibaldi desired to control Nice—Why is that bad for Cavour?

Victor Emmanuel II
• Becomes King of the new unified Italy
• He is still the puppet of Cavour
• Cavour becomes first Prime Minister of Italy
• Pope remains at Vatican

United Italy
• What happened to the Pope?
• He gave away all of the Papal States to Cavour except for Vatican City
• Italy was know unified, but what problems does a unified Italy face?

Unification of Germany 1840-1871

Central Europe 1840’s
• 39 separate states
• 36 are Protestant
• 3 are catholic and hug the French border (Alsace Lorrain)
  — People in Alsace Lorrain are Bilingual
  — German Architecture
  — A lot of Natural Resources, Coal, Railroads

German States
• Prussia holds ½ of the German States
• Austria control 1/3 of the German States
• Which countries would stand to lose if the German states united? Who would stand to gain?

Obstacles to Unification
• Does France want a united Germany?
  — Borders Germany
  — Germany would control French natural resources in the Rhine River Valley

Obstacles to Unification
• Does Austria want a united Germany?
  — Would lose German states (most precious)
  — Austria is a military power, but deeply divided along ethnic lines
Obstacles to Unification

• Who wants a united Germany?
  • Prussia:
    — One of the strongest militaries in Europe
    — Unification would be good for Prussia as it would become even more powerful and gain valuable resources

How will Prussia unite Germany?

• Otto Von Bismarck
  • Smart, pragmatic, practical leader that was the mastermind of German unification
• Wilhelm I (King of Prussia) Puppet of Bismarck
• Should you attack Austria?
  • You can only use your military for defense
  • Lion vs. Lamb
  • You must provoke Austria and France into a fight if you want to gain control of the German states

How do you provoke Austria?

• 1864 Bismarck reaches out to Austria to give them aid in attacking Denmark
• 2 port cities would be divided between the Prussians and Austrians
• Austrians would gain access to the sea for trade
• Prussia and Austria win the war and gain control of the two cities

Austria vs. Prussia

• Neither country makes any money off of the two port cities
• Bismarck starts a propaganda campaign announcing that Prussia will take control of the Austrian port city if they can not make a profit
• Austria becomes angry with Bismarck’s threats and attacks Prussia in 1866

7 Weeks War

War fought between Prussia and Austria for control of the German states

• Austria
  — Loses all of their German States
  — Economy suffers
  — Austrians look weak in the eyes of the world

• Prussia
  — Gain all of the German states except those controlled by France
  — German nationalism begins to spread
How do you provoke France?

France just ended an unpopular war with Italy
• Bismarck gets lucky in 1868
• King of Spain dies and a Prussian Prince is named as successor: Leopold
• What does this have to do with France?
• Newspapers in France start the drumbeat of war, but....
• Leopold chickens out and Bismarck’s plan is foiled...
• Or is it? (Bismarck Reading)

1870 France declares war on Prussia
• Bismarck fashions a style of fighting wars with “Blood & Iron” or Army & Industry
• Bismarck follows a foreign policy of Realpolitik: By whatever means necessary
• Who does this sound like?
• Machiavelli-the ends justify the means, ruthless but effective

1871 Prussia wins the Franco Prussian War
• French states end up choosing nationalism over religion and become Prussian states
• France is weakened
• As a result of the defeat in the Franco Prussian war France loses the Catholic states of Alcase Loraine: an area of great industrial wealth and natural resources
• Reparations (5 billion francs)
• As a result of the defeat France develops a terrible national hatred of the Germans (Bitterness never goes away)
• French vow revenge to get back Alcase Lorrain

For Prussia
• Win final German states
• Completely unify Prussia as Germany
• Why Germany?
• People are German in Language, Culture, and Heritage
• Kaiser is established: Wilhelm I is named the new king or “Kaiser” of the newly established Germany
• Bismarck is named Chancellor
• Germany controls the Rhine River Valley
• Germany becomes new “Hulk” of Continental Europe...who does that worry?