

Nationalism and Realism

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- What actions did Cavour and Bismarck take to bring about unification in Italy and Germany, respectively, and what role did war play in their efforts?
- What was the relationship between nationalism and reform between 1850 and 1871?

Nationalism

- Nationalism can be defined as a state of mind arising out of an awareness of being part of a community that has common institutions, traditions, language, and customs.
- The community is “the nation” which commands the primary political loyalty of individuals. Thus loyalty to “the nation” rather than dynasty.