

Ch. 22 Unification

Foreign Wars

-Crimean War

- 1853: Ottoman Empire is breaking up
- War starts over new land grabs against the Ottoman Empire
- Argument between Russia and France
 - Christian minority in Pakistan
 - Russia wants to protect them but France says no
 - Russia decides to invade Moldavia and Wallachia
 - Because there were Christians in that area
 - Really just for land and resources
 - Ottoman declares war on Russia in 1853
 - Britain and France are pissed
 - 1854: Britain and France declare war on Russia
 - Austria
 - Nervous of Russia
 - Declares Neutrality
 - Russia depended on Austria to win the war
 - 1856: Russia loses badly
 - Massive casualties (thousands of thousands of troops)
 - 2 major effects:
 - Russian government's façade of power ends
 - Were not as powerful as they were thought to have
 - 1861: Russia abolishes serfdom
 - First step to the Bolshevik-Russian Revolution
 - Quintuple Alliance is gone
 - Dramatic increase in Nationalism
 - Unifying Nations that weren't previously united
 - Italy
 - Germany
 - Because of the imbalance of power
 - Nationalists in Italy and Germany are going to fight for unification

Italian Revolution/Unification

- Separated in several kingdoms (in the "boot")
- 3 reasons for unifications
 - More powerful together
 - All share common ethnic heritage
 - Sick of being separated into little kingdoms (forced to in first place)
- Austrian rulers ruled Italy
- Nationalists argued Piedmont should rule Italy (Northern Italy)
- Prime minister: Count Camillo di Cavour
 - Wants to unify but knows Austria would try to stop it
 - Austria has better capacity of war than Italy
- 1859: Cavour gets France to help kick out Austria
- 2 reasons:
 - France and Austria don't like each other
 - Balance of power is up for grabs
- Northern Italian states unify under Cavour's rule
- Southern Italy unified around Giuseppe Garibaldi (red shirts)
- 1861: Garibaldi and red shirts fight a war against the Kingdom of the 2 Sicilies
- 1861: Unify with Northern Italy
 - Everything Unified but Rome
 - Not added by 1870

German Revolution/Unification

- Vitaly changes Europe
- *Otto von Bismarck
 - Realist: Make the best decision without emotion with evidence and situation provided
 - Pragmatic
 - Realpolitik
- 1862: Bismarck becomes prime minister of Prussia
 - Argued Liberalism was a global failure
 - Iron and Blood Speech
 - Only fought war/Battles he knew he would win
- 1866: Germany Fights the Austro-Prussian War
 - Prussia defeats Austria
 - Northern German States are unified ("North German Confederation")
 - Bismarck is Leader (Chancellor)

Franco-Prussian War

- 3 effects
 - Full unification of Germany
 - War destroys 2nd French Republic
 - Sets the stage for *World War I*
- Starts because of the Spanish Throne
 - 1870: Spanish king is dead and no clear successor
 - Offered to Prince Leopold
 - Relative of King William I (of Prussia)
 - France has a "Panic Attack"
 - Would be surrounded by an opposing royal family
 - Would be a 2-front war
 - France tries its best to get Leopold does not take the Spanish Throne though peaceful means
 - Gets King William to prevent Leopold to take the throne
- Ems Telegram
 - Benedetti
 - French ambassador
 - Between Benedetti and King William at the Ems "spa"
 - Friendly meeting
 - Benedetti begs William to prevent Leopold from taking the Spanish Throne
 - William says no
 - King has Bismarck telegram sent to French government to tell them what happened
 - Rumored Bismarck twists what the King says
 - Was warped to make seem like an unpleasant conversation
 - Also published in major newspapers
 - Done to begin war to help unify Germany fully
- 1870: France declares war against Prussia
 - France loses badly
 - The way Prussia ended the war set the stage for the Great War
 - Demand war reparations
 - 5 Billion Francs (23% of France's GDP)
 - France had to give them 2 small territories
 - **Alsace, Lorraine**
 - Taken by French from HRE previously
 - During the war, the south German states decided to unify
- 1871: Germany Unifies
 - Bismarck is declared Kaiser
 - Prussia wants to smack France once again
 - Sign unification papers in the Palace of Versailles