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The Unification of Italy



As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- **List the key obstacles to Italian unity.**
- **Evaluate the roles played by Cavour and Garibaldi in Italian unification.**
- **Describe the challenges that faced the new nation of Italy.**

First Steps to Italian Unity

**All the warfare that spread across Europe
caused people to identify with local
regions**

**People in Florence were Tuscans, People in
Venice were Venetians etc.**

**The Congress of Vienna drew boundary lines &
placed people in new country lines**

**Revolutionaries in Italy began to fight back against
Austrian rulers for control of the region**

Nationalism

Giuseppe Mazzini- Nationalist leader who founded
Young Italy

Tried to set up revolutionary republic in Rome but
was stopped by France & placed into exile

United Italy made sense to people because of
shared language & traditions



Struggle for Italy

The background of the slide is a textured, aged map of Europe. The map is rendered in shades of brown and tan, giving it a historical appearance. A compass rose is visible in the lower right quadrant of the map, with its needle pointing towards the top right. The map shows the outlines of the continents and major bodies of water.

1848- Italian nationalist movement passed to the kingdom of Sardinia

Camillo Cavour- Prime Minister who improved agriculture, railroads, & free trade for Italy

1858- Negotiates a secret deal with France to face a war with Austria

Nationalist groups eventually push back northern Italian states

Red Shirts

Giuseppe Garibaldi- Ally of Mazzini who sought to unite southern Italy

Organizes a troop of “red-shirted volunteers” to seize control of Sicily & Naples

Eventually Austria & France retreats from the peninsula & Italy is united



Italy New Challenges

Regional rivalries & no tradition of political unity crippled the new nation

The North of Italy was rich & the south was rural & poor

The Catholic church was fearful of Italian rule of Rome & followers didn't cooperate with new government

Anarchists- People who want to abolish government

Emigration- Movement away from your homeland to another region/country