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BETA - Mr. Ott
Global History & Geography

DIRECTIONS: Read the following account of the unification of Italy and using the map on the back answer the questions that follow. Use complete sentences.

HOW WAS THE MODERN NATION OF ITALY CREATED?

In 1850 there was no Italy. Look at the map on the back and you will see many small countries, but no Italy!

There were many reasons why Italy did not exist. **FIRST:** Austria did not want a powerful neighbor. Austria also wanted to keep Lombardy and Venetia, even though most of the people were Italian: **SECOND:** The Pope ruled over the Papal States. If there was a unified Italy, he believed he would lose control of his country.

But the Italian people wanted a united Italy. Nationalistic feelings were strong. Two men played an important part in the unification of Italy. Let them tell you their stories.

COUNT CAVOUR: Good day! My name is Camillio di Cavour I was the Count of Sardinia and Piedmont. I have been called the **BRAIN** of Italian Unification. I planned for Italy to become united into one country with my King, Victor Emanuel II as the King of Italy. With the help of the French, I defeated the Austrians in a war in 1859. The Austrians gave up Lombardy to Sardinia.

GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI: I was known as the **SWORD** of Unification. In 1860 my army, called the RED SHIRTS, conquered Sicily. I then crossed into the MAINLAND and we captured the city of Naples. I gave all this land to King Victor Emanuel II so he could be King of a united Italy.

COUNT CAVOUR: While Garibaldi was conquering the Two Sicilies, I attacked the Papal States. If you look at the map you will see that by taking the Papal States, we were able to unite northern and southern Italy into one nation. By 1861, Italy was one nation. Victor Emanuel II, became the first King of a united Italy. However, it was not until 1870 that Rome became part of our country.



1. What Italian state is located between Tuscany and the Kingdom of Two Sicilies?
2. Name the four countries that surround the Italian states.
3. Why do you think Austria did not want a powerful neighbor to its south?
4. Should Lombardy and Venezia have belonged to Italy or Austria? _____ because
5. Why was Count Cavour called the "brain" of Italian unification?
6. Which country assisted Italy in unifying? _____
7. Why was Garibaldi known as the "sword" of Italian unification?
8. Who was the first king of a united Italy? _____
9. The northern Italian states were heavily industrialized while the southern Italian states were primarily farming areas. Why did this cause problems between Italians?