Nationalism 1840 - 1914

Nationalism is the loyalty people have for their country. This became a powerful force for change in the world. In this unit, you will learn about how Italian nationalists united Italy and how Germany was brought together as one nation.

Goals for Learning: To list some characteristics of nationalism

*Nationalism*

Nationalism swept across Europe in the 1800s and early 1900s. Nationalism is loyalty to one’s country. There are many things that make up nationalism.

*How Does Language Affect Nationalism?*

A common language is an important part of nationalism. Usually the people of one country speak the same language. This unites them. In some countries, however, people speak more than one language. This kind of country is multilingual. However, they are still loyal to their country.

*How Do Foreign Invaders Affect Nationalism?*

Sometimes people lose their land. Foreign invaders (people from other countries) might take it over. For example, powerful neighbors have taken over Poland over the years. Also, for many years, non-Chinese leaders ruled China.

But nationalism can remain even if people lose their land or government. In fact, being invaded often makes people have more nationalism. For example, today many Palestinians are scattered throughout the Middle EAst. They are now fighting for a land of their own.

*How Do Government and History Affect Nationalism?*

Having only one government is another part of nationalism. For example, people who live in the 50 states of the United States follow the laws in the Constitution. They also follow the laws made by the government in Washington, D.C.

A common history is another mpart of nationalism. In American schools, students study the history of the United States. They feel pride in their shared history. The flag, the symbol of Uncle Sam, and the “Star-Spangled Banner” mean something special to Americans.

Students in other countries also study their history so they will love their country, be loyal to it, and value their heritage.

*How Does Culture Affect Nationalism?*

A common culture is another part of nationalism. The people of a nation often share the same beliefs, customs, religion, music, and way of life. A belief in freedom, democracy and equality unites Americans. A common religion unites people in nations such as Israel or Iran. Both Japan and China have a culture that is different from other countries. In any country, the citizens may be different from one another. But they all love their country and feel loyal to it. That is nationalism.

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