

EXAM-DAY · 90-MIN REVISION CARD

# The Rise of Nationalism in Europe (History)

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## FORMULAS & KEY RESULTS

1789 — French Revolution: first clear expression of nationalism; ideas of la patrie (the fatherland) and le citoyen (the citizen).

1797-1804 — Napoleon spreads revolutionary reforms; the Civil Code of 1804 (Napoleonic Code) abolishes privileges by birth, secures property, removes internal tariffs.

1815 — Congress of Vienna (host: Metternich, Austria); old conservative order RESTORED after Napoleon's defeat.

1830s — Giuseppe Mazzini founds Young Italy and Young Europe; secret societies of revolutionaries.

1834 — Zollverein: a customs union (economic, NOT political) at Prussia's initiative; abolishes tariffs, cuts 30+ currencies to two.

Romanticism: Herder — the true German spirit lives in folk culture (das Volk); language and song keep national feeling alive (Poland — Karol Kurpinski).

1848 — Year of revolutions: liberals demand constitutions; the Frankfurt Parliament; weavers' and peasants' revolts; mostly suppressed.

Italy ~1859-61 — Cavour (PM of Sardinia-Piedmont) + Garibaldi's Red Shirts (Sicily, Naples) → Victor Emmanuel II proclaimed king of united Italy (1861).

Germany 1864-71 — Bismarck (Prussia), policy of 'blood and iron', three wars (Denmark 1864, Austria 1866, France 1870-71).

January 1871 — Wilhelm I proclaimed German Emperor

## TOP 5 PYQ PATTERNS

### 1 Describe the unification of Germany / role of Bismarck

5 marks · 80% of years

1848 liberal failure → Prussia leads → Bismarck 'blood and iron' → three wars (1864/1866/1870-71) → Wilhelm I Kaiser at Versailles, Jan 1871.

### 2 Describe the unification of Italy / roles of Cavour, Garibaldi, Mazzini

5 marks · 70% of years

Mazzini (idea, Young Italy) → Cavour (diplomacy, defeats Austria 1859) → Garibaldi's Red Shirts win the south → Victor Emmanuel II king of united Italy 1861.

### 3 What did liberal nationalism stand for? / Zollverein

3 marks · 55% of years

Political: constitution, govt by consent, equality before law, vote for propertied men. Economic: free markets; Zollverein (1834) abolished tariffs, cut currencies to two.

### 4 Congress of Vienna 1815 + new conservatism (Metternich)

3 marks · 45% of years

1815, after Napoleon's defeat; Metternich; restore old monarchies (Bourbons in France); conservatism = preserve monarchy/Church/property, change only slowly.

### 5 The nation as a female allegory (Marianne/Germania) OR the Balkans & imperialism

3 marks · 40% of years

Allegory = female personification of the nation with symbolic attributes. Balkans = rival nationalisms + Great-Power rivalry → tinderbox of WWI.

## 90-MIN REVISION FLOW

### 0-15 min

Write the master timeline from memory: 1789, 1804, 1815, 1834, 1848, 1861 (Italy), 1871 (Germany) — one event against each.

### 15-30 min

Write the German unification process as a 5-point dated sequence (1848 failure → Bismarck → three wars → 1871 Versailles). Then do the same for Italy (Mazzini → Cavour → Garibaldi → 1861).

### 30-45 min

Define in two lines each: liberalism (political + economic), conservatism, the Zollverein, an allegory. Name Marianne and Germania with their attributes.

### 45-60 min

Recall the romantics (Herder, folk culture; Poland — Karol Kurpinski, language as resistance) and explain how nationalism turned aggressive and imperialist by 1914 (the Balkans).

### 60-75 min

Take the 15-MCQ Quick Drill under a 20-minute timer. Target >= 12/15.

### 75-90 min

Review every wrong answer; re-read the matching notes-slide. Re-draw the timeline and the Italy/Germany map outline once more. Done.

(Kaiser) in the Hall of Mirrors, Versailles.

Britain — no sudden revolution; the British nation forged by a long process; Act of Union 1707 (England + Scotland → United Kingdom of Great Britain).

Allegories of the nation: France = Marianne (red cap of liberty); Germany = Germania (crown of oak leaves = heroism).

Late 19th century — nationalism narrows, fuels IMPERIALISM; the Balkans become the powder-keg → World War I (1914).

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