






# Italian Unification

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## How did Italy Unify?

Unification occurred in 2 separate parts – Northern & Southern movements. They met in the middle.

### NORTHERN UNIFICATION

- Led by the state of Piedmont-Sardinia.  The Prime Minister of Sardinia was a man named *Cavour*, and he masterminded the unification movement.
- First he provoked Austria into war, because Austria controlled both northern territories of Lombardy  and Venetia. 
- Cavour won, and got Lombardy as a result. 
- He then convinced the middle states  (which were independent) to join the northern movement.





Key

	Piedmont-Sardinia
	Lombardy
	Venetia
	Independent States
	Naples & Sicily
	Rome

### SOUTHERN UNIFICATION

- In the meantime, a military leader named *Giuseppe Garibaldi* was leading a unification of the southern Italian states.
- He organized a volunteer army known as the "*Red Shirts*", and they fought successfully to liberate Sicily and Naples (the southern part of the boot) from foreign control
- Garibaldi was committed to a united Italy with a *republican* form of government.

## Bringing North & South Together

- It took some time, but Cavour finally convinced Garibaldi to join his unification movement under the leadership of King Victor Emmanuel II. Italy was 2 states away from unification.
- Italy then became allies with Prussia against Austria (who still controlled the northern province of Venetia .) Prussia fought a quick war against Austria (the Austro-Prussian War), and they won. Italy was rewarded for their loyalty to Prussia. They received Venetia.
- All that remained was the central province of Rome.  This state was controlled by France. The *last* thing France wanted to see was a united Italy on their border ! They stocked the state of Rome with plenty of French troops.
- As fate would have it, Prussia (Cavour's ally) was trying to unify all of the German states into a one nation. France stood in Germany's way, even as it stood in the way of Italy. Prussia fought a major war against France. Because France was losing this war, they could not afford to keep their troops in Rome, so they called the troops home. The Italians moved in. It was 1870. Unification was complete.