#5 How did nationalism lead to a united Italy?
Congress of Vienna--1815

- Italy had been divided up
- Controlled by ruling families of Austria, France & Spain
- Secretive group of revolutionaries formed in S. Italy – inspired by French Rev.
1848

- Nationalistic feelings were intensifying throughout the 8 Italian city-states
• Revolts were led by Giuseppe Mazzini – returned from exile

• Leader of the “Young Italy” movement – dedicated to securing “for Italy Unity, Independence & Liberty”
These Revolts Failed

- Looked to Kingdom of Sardinia to rule a unified Italy – agreed they would rather have a unified Italy with a monarch than a lot of foreign powers ruling over separate states
- “Risorgimento”
Count Cavour & King Victor Emmanuel II

- Wanted to unify Italy – make Piedmont-Sardinia the model for unification
- Began public works, building projects, political reform
• Next step -- get Austria out of the Italian Peninsula
• Outbreak of Crimean War -- France & Britain on one side, Russia on the other
• Piedmont-Sardinia saw a chance to earn some respect and make a name for itself
• They were victorious and Sardinia was able to attend the peace conference. As a result of this, Piedmont-Sardinia gained the support of Napoleon III.
Giuseppe Garibaldi

- Italian Nationalist
- Invaded S. Italy with his followers, the Red Shirts
- Also supported King Victor Emmanuel – Piedmont Sardinia was only nation capable of defeating Austria
• Aided by Sardinia – Cavour gave firearms to Garibaldi

• **Guerrilla warfare**
  (hit & run tactics)
Unified Italy

• Constitutional monarchy was established
  – Under King Victor Emmanuel
• Rome – new capital
• Pope went into “exile”
Garibaldi And Victor Emmanuel
"Right Leg in the Boot at Last"
Problems of Unification

- Inexperience in self-government
- Tradition of regional independence
- Large part of population was illiterate
- Lots of debt
- Had to build an infrastructure
• Severe economic & cultural divisions
• (S – poor, N – more industrialized)
• Centralized state, but weak
Independence

- Lots of people left for the U.S. during this time
- Unified ~1870