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Global Studies III
Unification of Italy

THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY

Document #1

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



1. Map Questions:

- What Italian state is located between Tuscany and the Kingdom of Two Sicilies?
- Name three countries that surround the Italian states.

Document #2

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

- Why do you think Austria did not want a powerful neighbor to its south?
- Should Lombardy and Venetia have belonged to Italy or Austria? Explain why.

Document #3

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

Giuseppe Mazzini: Buon Giorno! I was known as being the “SOUL” of Italian nationalism. I started a secret society known as Young Italy. This was an organization devoted to a united Italy.

Giuseppe Garibaldi: I was known as the “SWORD” of Italian unification. In 1860, my army called the RED SHIRTS, conquered Sicily. I then crossed the mainland and we captured the city of Naples. I gave all this land to King Victor Emmanuel II so he could be King of a united Italy.

Count Camillio di Cavour: Good day! I have been called the “BRAIN” of Italian unification. I planned for Italy to become united into one country with my King, Victor Emmanuel 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. 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. However, it was not until 1870 that Rome became part of our country.

4. Fill in the graphic organizer from what you read in Document #3.

