




Module 14

Revolutions Sweep the West



Essential Question

What great shifts in thinking inspired revolutions in politics and the arts worldwide?



About the painting: From 1791 to 1824, revolutions took place in Haiti, Mexico, and Central and South America. By 1824, nearly all of Latin America had gained independence from European control. One of South America's great liberators was José de San Martín, shown.

In this module you will learn that nationalist revolutions, inspired by Enlightenment ideas, swept through Latin America and Europe.

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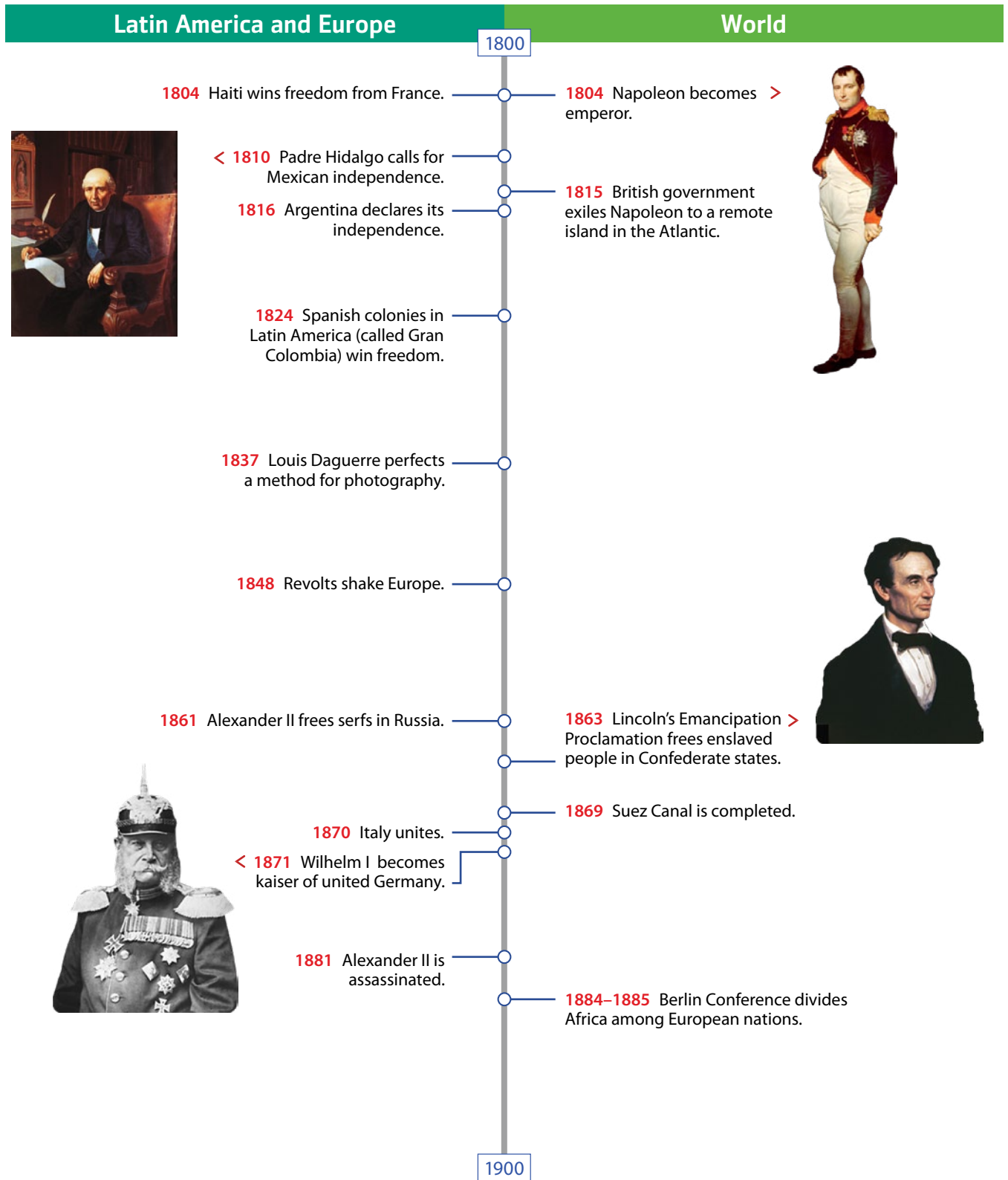
- Miguel Hidalgo's Call to Arms
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SS.912.W.1.6 Evaluate the role of history in shaping identity and character.

SS.912.W.5.7 Describe the causes and effects of 19th Latin American and Caribbean independence movements led by people including Bolívar, de San Martín, and L'Ouverture. **SS.912.W.6.5** Summarize the causes, key events, and effects of the unification of Italy and Germany. **SS.912.G.1.1** Design maps using a variety of technologies based on descriptive data to explain physical and cultural attributes of major world regions. **SS.912.G.1.2** Use spatial perspective and appropriate geographic terms and tools, including the Six Essential Elements, as organizational schema to describe any given place. **SS.912.G.2.1** Identify the physical characteristics and the human characteristics that define and differentiate regions. **SS.912.G.2.3** Use geographic terms and tools to analyze case studies of regional issues in different parts of the world that have critical economic, physical, or political ramifications. **SS.912.G.4.9** Use political maps to describe the change in boundaries and governments within continents over time. **SS.912.H.1.3** Relate works in the arts to various cultures. **LAFS.910.RH.1.2** Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events or ideas develop over the course of the text. **LAFS.910.RH.2.5** Analyze how a text uses structure to emphasize key points or advance an explanation or analysis.





Latin American Peoples Win Independence

The Big Idea

Spurred by discontent and Enlightenment ideas, people in Latin America fought colonial rule.

Why It Matters Now

Sixteen of today's Latin American nations gained their independence at this time.

Key Terms and People

peninsulare

creole

mulatto

Simón Bolívar

José de San Martín

Miguel Hidalgo

José María Morelos

Reading Check

Make Inferences

Why might the structure of Latin American colonial society have led to unrest?

Setting the Stage

The successful American Revolution, the French Revolution, and the Enlightenment changed ideas about who should control government. Ideas of liberty, equality, and democratic rule found their way across the seas to European colonies. In Latin America, most of the population resented the domination of European colonial powers. The time seemed right for the people who lived there to sweep away old colonial masters and gain control of the land.

Colonial Society Divided

In Latin American colonial society, class dictated people's place in society and jobs. At the top of Spanish-American society were the *peninsulares* (peh•neen•soo•LAH•rehhs), people who had been born in Spain, which is on the Iberian peninsula. They formed a tiny percentage of the population. Only *peninsulares* could hold high office in Spanish colonial government. **Creoles**, Spaniards born in Latin America, were below the *peninsulares* in rank. Creoles could not hold high-level political office, but they could rise as officers in Spanish colonial armies. Together these two groups controlled land, wealth, and power in the Spanish colonies.

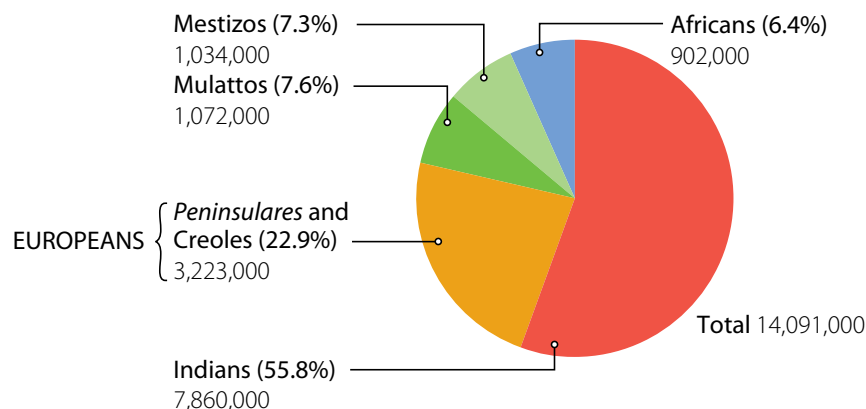
Below the *peninsulares* and creoles came the mestizos, persons of mixed European and Indian ancestry. Next were the **mulattos**, persons of mixed European and African ancestry, and enslaved Africans. Indians were at the bottom of the social ladder.

Revolutions in the Americas

By the late 1700s, colonists in Latin America, already aware of Enlightenment ideas, were electrified by the news of the American and French Revolutions. The success of the American Revolution encouraged them to try to gain freedom from their European masters.



The Divisions in Spanish Colonial Society, 1789



Source: *Colonial Spanish America*, by Leslie Bethell

Interpret Graphs

- Synthesize** Which two groups made up the vast majority of the population in Spanish America?
- Make Inferences** Of the Europeans, which group—*peninsulares* or *creoles*—probably made up a larger percentage?



Toussaint Louverture led enslaved Africans in a revolt against the French that ended slavery and resulted in the new nation of Haiti.

Revolution in Haiti The French colony called Saint Domingue was the first Latin American territory to free itself from European rule. The colony, now known as Haiti, occupied the western third of the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean Sea.

Nearly 500,000 enslaved Africans worked on French plantations, and they outnumbered their masters dramatically. White masters used brutal methods to terrorize them and keep them powerless.

While the French Revolution was taking place, oppressed people in the French colony of Haiti rose up against their French masters. In August 1791, 100,000 enslaved Africans rose in revolt. A leader soon emerged, Toussaint Louverture (too•SAN loo•vair•TOOR). Formerly enslaved, Toussaint was unfamiliar with military and diplomatic matters. Even so, he rose to become a skilled general and diplomat. By 1801, Toussaint had taken control of the entire island and freed all the enslaved Africans.

In January 1802, 30,000 French troops landed in Saint Domingue to remove Toussaint from power. In May, Toussaint agreed to halt the revolution if the French would end slavery. Despite the agreement, the French soon accused him of planning another uprising. They seized him and sent him to a prison in the French Alps, where he died in April 1803.

Reading Check

Analyze Events

How did the American Revolution inspire the enslaved Africans of Saint Domingue to revolt?

Haiti's Independence Toussaint's lieutenant, Jean Jacques Dessalines (zhahn ZHAHK day•sah•LEEN), took up the fight for freedom. On January 1, 1804, General Dessalines declared the colony an independent country. It was the first black colony to free itself from European control. Dessalines called the country Haiti, which in the language of the Arawak natives meant “mountainous land.”

Creoles Lead Independence

Even though they could not hold high public office, creoles were the least oppressed of those born in Latin America. They were also the best educated. In fact, many wealthy young creoles traveled to Europe for their education. In Europe, they read about and adopted Enlightenment ideas. When they returned to Latin America, they brought ideas of revolution with them.

Napoleon's conquest of Spain in 1808 triggered revolts in the Spanish colonies. Removing Spain's King Ferdinand VII, Napoleon made his brother Joseph king of Spain. Many creoles might have supported a Spanish king. However, they felt no loyalty to a king imposed by the French. Creoles, recalling Locke's idea of the consent of the governed, argued that when the real king was removed, power shifted to the people. In 1810, rebellion broke out in several parts of Latin America. The drive toward independence had begun.

The South American wars of independence rested on the achievements of two brilliant creole generals. One was **Simón Bolívar** (see•MAWN boh•LEE•vahr), a wealthy Venezuelan creole. The other great liberator was **José de San Martín** (hoh•SAY day san mahr•TEEN), an Argentinian.

BIOGRAPHY



Simón Bolívar
(1783–1830)

Called *Libertador* (Liberator), Bolívar was a brilliant general, a visionary, a writer, and a fighter. He is called the “George Washington of South America.” Bolívar planned to unite the

Spanish colonies of South America into a single country called Gran Colombia. The area of upper Peru was renamed Bolivia in his honor.

Discouraged by political disputes that tore the new Latin American nations apart, he is reported to have said, “America is ungovernable. Those who have served the revolution have ploughed the sea.”



José de San Martín
(1778–1850)

Unlike the dashing Bolívar, San Martín was a modest man. Though born in Argentina, he spent much of his youth in Spain as a career military officer. He fought with Spanish

forces against Napoleon. He returned to Latin America to be a part of its liberation from Spain. Fighting for 10 years, he became the liberator of Argentina, Chile, and Peru.

Discouraged by political infighting, San Martín sailed for Europe. He died, almost forgotten, on French soil in 1850.



Simón Bolívar

“The Jamaica Letter” is one of Simón Bolívar’s most important political documents. In this excerpt, he discussed his political goals for South America after the revolution—and his fear that South Americans were not ready to achieve those goals.

“The role of the inhabitants of the American hemisphere has for centuries been purely passive. Politically they were non-existent. . . . We have been harassed by a conduct which has not only deprived us of our rights but has kept us in a sort of permanent infancy with regard to public affairs. . . . Americans today, and perhaps to a greater extent than ever before, who live within the Spanish system occupy a position in society no better than that of serfs destined for labor. . . . Although I seek perfection for the government of my country, I cannot persuade myself that the New World can, at the moment, be organized as a great republic.”

—Simón Bolívar,
from “The Jamaica Letter”

Analyze Historical Sources

Why did Bolívar believe that South Americans were not ready for a republican form of government?

Bolívar’s Route to Victory Simón Bolívar’s native Venezuela declared its independence from Spain in 1811. But the struggle for independence had only begun. Bolívar’s volunteer army of revolutionaries suffered numerous defeats. Twice Bolívar had to go into exile. A turning point came in August 1819. Bolívar led over 2,000 soldiers on a daring march through the Andes into what is now Colombia. (See map, “Latin America, 1830.”) Coming from this direction, he took the Spanish army in Bogotá completely by surprise and won a decisive victory.

By 1821, Bolívar had won Venezuela’s independence. He then marched south into Ecuador. In Ecuador, Bolívar finally met José de San Martín. Together they would decide the future of the Latin American revolutionary movement.

San Martín Leads Southern Liberation Forces San Martín’s Argentina had declared its independence in 1816. However, Spanish forces in nearby Chile and Peru still posed a threat. In 1817, San Martín led an army on a grueling march across the Andes to Chile. He was joined there by forces led by Bernardo O’Higgins, son of a former viceroy of Peru. With O’Higgins’s help, San Martín finally freed Chile.

Struggling Toward Democracy

Revolutions are as much a matter of ideas as they are of weapons. Simón Bolívar, the hero of Latin American independence, was both a thinker and a fighter. By 1800, Enlightenment ideas spread widely across the Latin American colonies. Bolívar combined Enlightenment political ideas, ideas from Greece and Rome, and his own original thinking. The result was a system of democratic ideas that would help spark revolutions throughout Latin America.

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Enlightenment Ideas Spread to Latin America, 1789–1810



▲ After winning South American independence, Simón Bolívar realized his dream of Gran Colombia, a sort of United States of South America.

- 1 Bolívar's 1807 return from Europe by way of the United States allowed him to study the American system of government.
- 2 In 1810, Bolívar went to London to seek support for the revolution in Latin America. At the same time, he studied British institutions of government.

Critical Thinking

1. Make Inferences How are Enlightenment thoughts and the successes of the American and French Revolutions reflected in Bolívar's thinking?

2. Compare What recent events in today's world are similar to Simón Bolívar's movement for Latin American independence?

Reading Check

Summarize

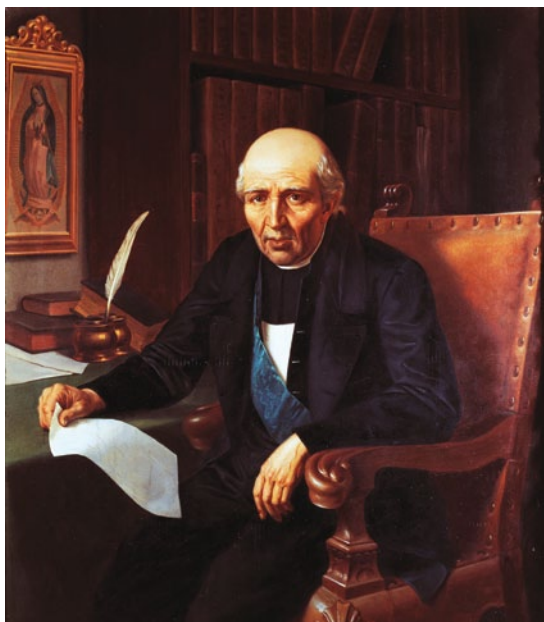
What factors caused the revolution in Latin America?

In 1821, San Martín planned to drive the remaining Spanish forces out of Lima, Peru. But to do so, he needed a much larger force. San Martín and Bolívar discussed this when they met at Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1822.

No one knows how the two men reached an agreement. But San Martín left his army for Bolívar to command. With unified revolutionary forces, Bolívar's army went on to defeat the Spanish at the Battle of Ayacucho (Peru) on December 9, 1824. In this last major battle of the war for independence, the Spanish colonies in Latin America won their freedom. The future countries of Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, and Ecuador were united into a country called Gran Colombia.

Mexico Ends Spanish Rule

In most Latin American countries, creoles led the revolutionary movements. But in Mexico, ethnic and racial groups mixed more freely. There, Indians and mestizos played the leading role.



Miguel Hidalgo

A Cry for Freedom In 1810, Padre **Miguel Hidalgo** (mee•GEHL ee•DAHL•goh), a priest in the small village of Dolores, took the first step toward independence. Hidalgo was a poor but well-educated man. He firmly believed in Enlightenment ideals. On September 16, 1810, he rang the bells of his village church. When the peasants gathered in the church, he issued a call for rebellion against the Spanish. Today, that call is known as the *grito de Dolores* (the cry of Dolores).

The very next day, Hidalgo's Indian and mestizo followers began a march toward Mexico City. This unruly army soon numbered 80,000 men. The uprising of the lower classes alarmed the Spanish army and creoles, who feared the loss of their property, control of the land, and their lives. The army defeated Hidalgo in 1811. The rebels then rallied around another strong leader, Padre **José María Morelos** (moh•RAY•loh). Morelos led the revolution for four years. However, in 1815, a creole officer, Agustín de Iturbide (ah•goos•TEEN day ee•toor•BEE•day), defeated him.

Mexico's Independence Events in Mexico took yet another turn in 1820 when a revolution in Spain put a liberal group in power there. Mexico's creoles feared the loss of their privileges in the Spanish-controlled colony. So they united in support of Mexico's independence from Spain. Ironically, Agustín de Iturbide—the man who had defeated the rebel Padre Morelos—proclaimed independence in 1821.

Before the Mexican revolution, Central America was part of the viceroyalty of New Spain. It had been governed by the Spanish from the seat of colonial government in Mexico. In 1821, several Central American states declared their independence from Spain—and from Mexico as well. However, Iturbide (who had declared himself emperor), refused to recognize the declarations of independence. Iturbide was finally overthrown in 1823. Central America then declared its absolute independence from Mexico. It took the name United Provinces of Central America. The future countries of Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Costa Rica would develop in this region.

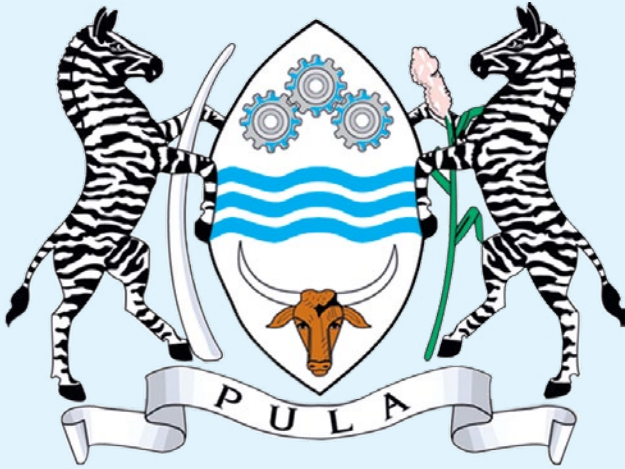
Reading Check

Summarize

What was the *grito de Dolores*?

Symbolizing a Nation's Values

Artists can encourage national pride through the use of symbols.



Botswana

Industry and livestock are connected by water, the key to the nations' prosperity. *Pula* in the Setswana language means "rain." But to a Setswana speaker, it is also a common greeting meaning "luck, life, and prosperity."

Austria

The eagle was the symbol of the old Austrian Empire. The shield goes back to medieval times. The hammer and sickle symbolize agriculture and industry. The broken chains celebrate Austria's liberation from Germany at the end of World War II.



United States

The 13 original colonies are symbolized in the stars, stripes, leaves, and arrows. The Latin phrase *E pluribus unum* means "Out of many, one," expressing unity of the states. The American bald eagle holds an olive branch and arrows, which symbolize a desire for peace but a readiness for war.



Analyze Historical Sources

1. What role do symbols play in expressing a nation's view of itself and the world?
2. How do artists encourage national pride?

Latin America, 1800



Latin America, 1830



Interpret Maps

- Region** What two European countries held the largest colonial empires in Latin America in 1800?
- Region** Compare the two maps. Which independent countries had emerged by 1830 from Spanish territory in the Americas?

Brazil's Royal Liberator

Brazil's quest for independence was unique in this period of Latin American history because it occurred without violent upheavals or widespread bloodshed. In fact, a member of the Portuguese royal family actually played a key role in freeing Brazil from Portugal.

In 1807, Napoleon's armies invaded both Spain and Portugal. Napoleon's aim was to close the ports of these countries to British shipping. As French troops approached Lisbon, the Portuguese capital, Prince John (later King John VI) and the royal family boarded ships to escape capture. They took their court and royal treasury to Portugal's largest colony, Brazil. Rio de Janeiro became the capital of the Portuguese empire. For 14 years, the Portuguese ran their empire from Brazil. After Napoleon's defeat in 1815, King John and the Portuguese government returned to Portugal six years later. Dom Pedro, King John's son, stayed behind in Brazil.

Reading Check

Make Inferences In what way did the presence of the royal family in Brazil help Portugal's largest colony?

King John planned to make Brazil a colony again. However, many Brazilians could not accept a return to colonial status. In 1822, creoles demanded Brazil's independence from Portugal. Eight thousand Brazilians signed a petition asking Dom Pedro to rule. He agreed. On September 7, 1822, he officially declared Brazil's independence. Brazil had won its independence in a bloodless revolution.

Meanwhile, the ideas of the French Revolution and the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars were causing upheaval in Europe, as you will learn next.

Lesson 1 Assessment

1. **Organize Information** Make a table. Which independence movement was led by Toussaint Louverture?

Who	Where
When	Why

3. **Compare and Contrast** Compare and contrast the leadership of the South American revolutions to the leadership of Mexico's revolution.
4. **Form Opinions** Would creole revolutionaries tend to be democratic or authoritarian leaders? Explain.
5. **Analyze Causes** How were events in Europe related to the revolutions in Latin America?
2. **Key Terms and People** For each key term or person in the lesson, write a sentence explaining its significance.



Europe Faces Revolutions

The Big Idea

Liberal and nationalist uprisings challenged the old conservative order of Europe.

Why It Matters Now

The system of nation-states established in Europe during this period continues today.

Key Terms and People

conservative
liberal
radical
anarchism
nationalism
nation-state
Balkans
Louis-Napoleon
Alexander II

Reading Check

Make Inferences
How can people have such different philosophies?

Setting the Stage

As revolutions shook the colonies in Latin America, Europe was also undergoing dramatic changes. Under the leadership of Prince Metternich of Austria, the Congress of Vienna had tried to restore the old monarchies and territorial divisions that had existed before the French Revolution. On an international level, this attempt to turn back history succeeded. For the next century, European countries seldom turned to war to solve their differences. Within countries, however, the effort failed. Revolutions erupted across Europe between 1815 and 1848.

Clash of Philosophies

In the first half of the 1800s, three schools of political thought struggled for supremacy in European societies. Each believed that its style of government would best serve the people. Each attracted a different set of followers. The following list identifies the philosophies, goals, and followers.

- **Conservative:** usually wealthy property owners and nobility. They argued for protecting the traditional monarchies of Europe.
- **Liberal:** mostly middle-class business leaders and merchants. They wanted to give more power to elected parliaments, but only the educated and the landowners would vote.
- **Radical:** favored drastic change to extend democracy to all people. They believed that governments should practice the ideals of the French Revolution—liberty, equality, and brotherhood. Some radicals believed in **anarchism**—a belief that government is harmful and not needed.





Prince Clemens von Metternich shaped conservative control of Europe for almost 40 years.

Nationalism Develops

As conservatives, liberals, and radicals debated issues of government, a new movement called **nationalism** emerged. Nationalism is the belief that people's greatest loyalty should not be to a king or an empire but to a nation of people who share a common culture and history. The nationalist movement would blur the lines that separated the three political theories.

When a nation had its own independent government, it became a nation-state. A **nation-state** defends the nation's territory and way of life, and it represents the nation to the rest of the world. In Europe in 1815, only France, England, and Spain could be called nation-states. But soon that would change as nationalist movements achieved success.

Most of the people who believed in nationalism were either liberals or radicals. In most cases, the liberal middle class—teachers, lawyers, and businesspeople—

led the struggle for constitutional government and the formation of nation-states. In Germany, for example, liberals wanted to gather the many different German states into a single nation-state. Other liberals in large empires, such as the Hungarians in the Austrian Empire, wanted to split away and establish self-rule.

Nationalists Challenge Conservative Power

Beginning in 1820, revolutions swept across Europe. Revolutions occurred in Spain, Portugal, Russia, and Italy that led to constitutional monarchies. In Greece, revolts led to Greek independence.

The first people to win self-rule during this period were the Greeks. For centuries, Greece had been part of the Ottoman Empire. The Ottomans controlled most of the **Balkans**. That region includes all or part of present-day Greece, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, and the former Yugoslavia. Greeks, however, had kept alive the memory of their ancient history and culture. Spurred on by the nationalist spirit, they demanded independence and rebelled against the Ottoman Turks in 1821.

Greeks Gain Independence The most powerful European governments opposed revolution. However, the cause of Greek independence was popular with people around the world. Russians, for example, felt a connection to Greek Orthodox Christians, who were ruled by the Muslim Ottomans. Educated Europeans and Americans loved and respected ancient Greek culture.

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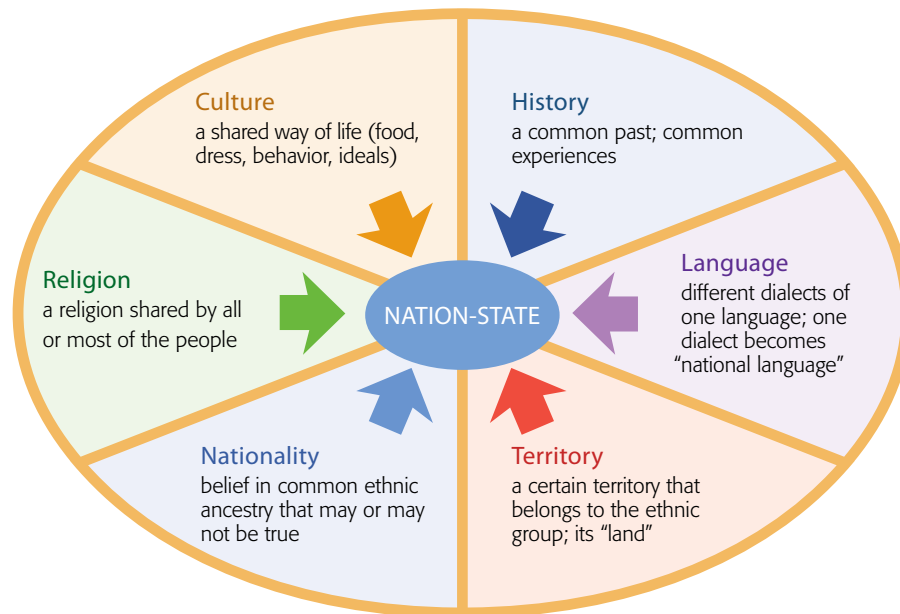
Summarize

How did nationalism blur the line between philosophies?

Nationalism

Nationalism—the belief that people should be loyal to their nation—was not widespread until the 1800s. The rise of modern nationalism is tied to the spread of democratic ideas and the growth of an educated middle class. People wanted to decide how they were governed.

Bonds That Create a Nation-State



Positive and Negative Results of Nationalism

Nationalism has not always been a positive influence. For example, strong nationalistic feelings sometimes lead a group to turn against outsiders. The chart lists positive and negative results of nationalism. Note how some results, such as competition, can be both positive and negative.

Positive Results	Negative Results
People within a nation overcoming differences for the common good	Forced assimilation of minority cultures
The overthrow of colonial rule	Ethnic cleansing, such as in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the 1990s
Democratic governments in nations worldwide	The rise of extreme nationalistic movements, such as Nazism
Competition among nations spurring scientific and technological advances	Competition between nations leading to warfare

Critical Thinking

1. Form Opinions Do you think nationalism has had more of a positive or negative impact on the world? Explain.

2. Compare and Contrast Which of the bonds used to create nation-states are found in the United States?

IMPACT OF NATIONALISM

- Between 1950 and 1980, 47 African countries overthrew colonial rulers and became independent nations.
- In the 1990s, the republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, and Macedonia broke away from Yugoslavia.
- In 2003, Yugoslavia changed its name to Serbia and Montenegro.
- Europe has about 50 countries. (Some of those lie partially in Europe, partially in Asia.) About 85 languages are spoken in the region.
- In most of Latin America, Spanish or Portuguese is the official language. However, many native languages are still spoken. For example, Bolivia has 37 official languages, including Spanish and the Indian languages of Aymara and Quechua.

Eventually, as popular support for Greece grew, the powerful nations of Europe took the side of the Greeks. In 1827, a combined British, French, and Russian fleet destroyed the Ottoman fleet at the Battle of Navarino. In 1830, Britain, France, and Russia signed a treaty guaranteeing an independent kingdom of Greece.

1830s Uprisings Crushed By the 1830s, the old order, carefully arranged at the Congress of Vienna, was breaking down. Revolutionary zeal swept across Europe. Liberals and nationalists throughout Europe were openly revolting against conservative governments.

Nationalist riots broke out against Dutch rule in the Belgian city of Brussels. In October 1830, the Belgians declared their independence from Dutch control. In Italy, nationalists worked to unite the many separate states on the Italian peninsula. Some were independent. Others were ruled by Austria, or by the pope. Eventually, Prince Metternich sent Austrian troops to restore order in Italy. The Poles living under the rule of Russia staged a revolt in Warsaw in late 1830. Russian armies took nearly an entire year to crush the Polish uprising. By the mid-1830s, the old order seemed to have reestablished itself. But the appearance of stability did not last long.

1848 Revolutions Fail to Unite In 1848, ethnic uprisings erupted throughout Europe. After an unruly mob in Vienna clashed with police, Metternich resigned and liberal uprisings broke out throughout the Austrian empire. In Budapest, nationalist leader Louis Kossuth called for a parliament and self-government for Hungary. Meanwhile in Prague, Czech liberals demanded Bohemian independence.

Louis Auguste Blanqui (1805–1881)

A French revolutionary, Louis Auguste Blanqui, was jailed for more than 33 years for trying to overthrow the government. His followers, the Blanquists, advanced the workers' movement even after Blanqui's death.

Blanqui's main idea was that society could be changed only if workers controlled the wealth of the church and large property holders. He thought that the government should control industries and businesses. He wanted to establish industrial and agricultural worker groups, and improve education so that the nation's economy would run to benefit its workers.

Reading Check

Analyze Events
Why weren't the revolutions of 1830 and 1848 successful?

In *Combat Before the Hotel de Ville, July 28th, 1830*, Victor Schnetz portrays the riots in Paris that forced Charles X to flee to Great Britain.



European politics continued to seesaw. Many liberal gains were lost to conservatives within a year. In one country after another, the revolutionaries failed to unite themselves or their nations. Conservatives regained their nerve and their power. By 1849, Europe had practically returned to the conservatism that had controlled governments before 1848. These revolutions failed to achieve their nationalist and democratic objectives.

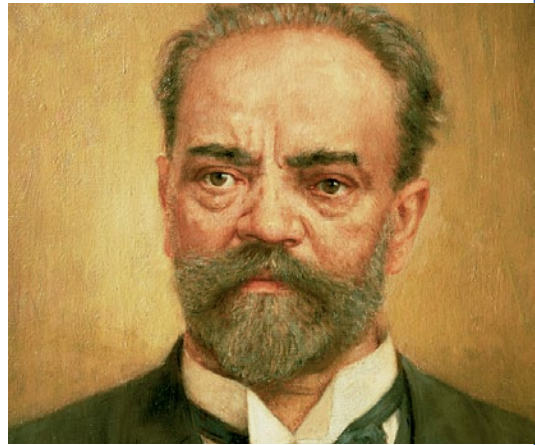
Radicals Change France

Radicals participated in many of the 1848 revolts. Only in France, however, was the radical demand for democratic government the main goal of revolution. In 1830, France's King Charles X tried to stage a return to absolute monarchy. The attempt sparked riots that forced Charles to flee to Great Britain. He was replaced by Louis-Philippe, who had long supported liberal reforms in France.

The Third Republic However, in 1848, after a reign of almost 18 years, Louis-Philippe fell from popular favor. Once again, a Paris mob overturned a monarchy and established a republic. The new republican government began to fall apart almost immediately. The radicals split into factions. One side wanted only political reform. The other side also wanted social and economic reform that would close up the differences in wealth between the “haves” and “have nots.” The two sides set off bloody battles in Parisian streets. The violence turned French citizens away from the radicals. As a result, a moderate constitution was drawn up later in 1848. It called for a parliament and a strong president to be elected by the people.

Nationalistic Music

As the force of nationalism began to rise in Europe, ethnic groups recognized their music as a unique element of their culture. Composers used folk melodies in their works. For example, Czech composer Antonin Dvořák (DVAWR•zhahk), pictured, and the Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg incorporated popular melodies and legends into their works. These works became a source of pride and further encouraged the sense of nationalism. Richard Wagner created a cycle of four musical dramas called *Der Ring des Nibelungen*. His operas are considered the pinnacle of German nationalism.



Reading Check

Summarize

How would you describe the political swings occurring in France between 1830 and 1852?

France Accepts a Strong Ruler In December 1848, **Louis-Napoleon**, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte, won the presidential election. Four years later, Louis-Napoleon Bonaparte took the title of Emperor Napoleon III. A majority of French voters accepted this action without complaint. The French were weary of instability. They welcomed a strong ruler who would bring peace to France.

As France's emperor, Louis-Napoleon built railroads, encouraged industrialization, and promoted an ambitious program of public works. Gradually, because of Louis-Napoleon's policies, unemployment decreased in France, and the country experienced real prosperity.

Reform in Russia

Unlike France, Russia in the 1800s had yet to leap into the modern industrialized world. Under Russia's feudal system, serfs were bound to the nobles whose land they worked. Nobles enjoyed almost unlimited power over them. By the 1820s, many Russians believed that serfdom must end. In their eyes, the system was morally wrong. It also prevented the empire from advancing economically. The czars, however, were reluctant to free the serfs. Freeing them would anger the landowners, whose support the czars needed to stay in power.

Defeat Brings Change Eventually, Russia's lack of development became obvious to Russians and to the whole world. In 1853, Czar Nicholas I threatened to take over part of the Ottoman Empire in the Crimean War. However, Russia's industries failed to provide adequate supplies for the country's troops. As a result, in 1856, Russia lost the war against the combined forces of France, Great Britain, Sardinia, and the Ottoman Empire.

After the war, Nicholas's son, **Alexander II**, decided to move Russia toward modernization and social change. Alexander and his advisers believed that his reforms would allow Russia to compete with western Europe for world power.

History in Depth

Emancipation

In 1861, on the day before Abraham Lincoln became president of the United States, Czar Alexander II issued the Edict of Emancipation, freeing 20 million serfs. Less than two years later, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing enslaved peoples living under the Confederacy.

The emancipation edicts did not entirely fulfill the hopes of Russian serfs or former slaves in the United States. Russian peasant communities, like the one pictured, were still tied to the land. And Lincoln did not free enslaved people in the border states.



Reform and Reaction The first and boldest of Alexander's reforms was a decree freeing the serfs in 1861. The abolition of serfdom, however, went only halfway. Peasant communities—rather than individual peasants—received about half the farmland in the country. Nobles kept the other half. The government paid the nobles for their land. Each peasant community, on the other hand, had 49 years to pay the government for the land it had received. So, while the serfs were legally free, the debt still tied them to the land.

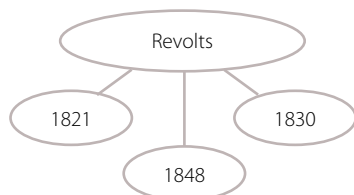
Political and social reforms ground to a halt when terrorists assassinated Alexander II in 1881. His successor, Alexander III, tightened czarist control over the country. Alexander III and his ministers, however, encouraged industrial development to expand Russia's power. A major force behind Russia's drive toward industrial expansion was nationalism. Nationalism also stirred other ethnic groups. During the 1800s, such groups were uniting into nations and building industries to survive among other nation-states.

Reading Check

Analyze Issues Why did czars push for industrialization?

Lesson 2 Assessment

1. **Organize Information** Make a web. Why did most of the revolts fail?



2. **Key Terms and People** For each key term or person in the lesson, write a sentence explaining its significance.
3. **Make Inferences** Why might liberals and radicals join together in a nationalist cause?
4. **Draw Conclusions** Why did some liberals disapprove of the way Louis-Napoleon ruled France after the uprisings of 1848?
5. **Evaluate** What consequences did Alexander's reforms have on Russia?

Revolutions Around the World

Each of the revolutions you studied had political, economic, and social causes, as shown in the tables. Use the table below to understand the causes of revolutions more fully.

Causes of Revolutions				
	England	North America	France	Latin America
Political	King claimed divine right.	Colonists accused British leaders of tyranny.	Third Estate wanted greater representation.	French Revolution inspired political ideas.
	King dissolved Parliament.	Colonists demanded the same rights as English citizens.	Louis XVI was a weak ruler.	Royal officials committed injustices.
	Parliament sought guarantee of freedoms.		American Revolution inspired political ideas.	Napoleon's conquest triggered revolts.
Economic	King wanted money for wars.	Britain expected colonies to pay for defense.	Wars and royal extravagance created debt.	<i>Peninsulares</i> and creoles controlled wealth.
	King levied taxes and fines without Parliament's approval.	Colonies opposed taxation without representation.	Inflation and famine	Lower classes toiled as peasants with little income or as slaves.
			Peasants paid high taxes.	
Social	Early Stuart kings refused to make Puritan reforms.	Colonists began to identify as Americans.	Third Estate resented the First and Second estates' privileges.	Only <i>peninsulares</i> and creoles had power.
	Parliament feared James II would restore Catholicism.	Enlightenment ideas spread.	Enlightenment ideas spread.	Creoles spread Enlightenment ideas.

Interpret Tables

- Analyze Causes** What was the most frequent political cause of revolution? economic cause? social cause?
- Contrast** How did the causes of the revolutions in Latin America differ from those of the other three revolutions?

Use the table below to understand the effects of revolution more fully.

Effects of Revolutions				
	England	North America	France	Latin America
Political	Constitutional monarchy established.	United States gained independence.	The Revolution led to a succession of governments.	Most colonial rule ended.
	The Bill of Rights guaranteed rights.	Constitution set up a republican government.	Expectations for equality and freedom sparked uprising.	Representative government was slow to develop.
	Overthrow of monarch inspired American revolutionaries.	Revolutionary ideals inspired groups seeking equality.	It inspired later revolutions.	The military or the wealthy controlled much of the region until the late 1900s.
Economic	Parliament encouraged trade.	Free enterprise developed.	Wars devastated France's economy.	Upper classes controlled wealth.
Social	England remained Protestant.	The ideals of Revolution inspired groups seeking social equality.	French feudal system abolished.	Much of Latin America continued to have a strong class system.

Interpret Tables

- Contrast** Which revolutions had positive economic effects, and which had negative? Explain.
- Analyze Effects** What common political effect did the revolutions in North America and Latin America achieve?

Historical Source

Thomas Paine

In this excerpt from the pamphlet *Common Sense*, Thomas Paine described the ideal government he wanted to see set up after the American Revolution.

“But where, say some, is the king of America? I’ll tell you, friend, . . . in America THE LAW IS KING. For as in absolute governments the king is law, so in free countries the law ought to BE king, and there ought to be no other.”

Analyze Historical Sources

What did Paine believe should be the highest power in a new American government?

Case Studies

Italy

Germany



Nationalism

The Big Idea

Nationalism contributed to the formation of two new nations and a new political order in Europe.

Why It Matters Now

Nationalism is the basis of world politics today and has often caused conflicts and wars.

Key Terms and People

Russification

Camillo di Cavour

Giuseppe Garibaldi

Junker

Otto von Bismarck

realpolitik

kaiser

Setting the Stage

Nationalism was the most powerful idea of the 1800s. Its influence stretched throughout Europe and the Americas. It shaped countries by creating new ones or breaking up old ones. In Europe, it also upset the balance of power set up at the Congress of Vienna in 1815, affecting the lives of millions. Empires in Europe were made up of many different groups of people. Nationalism fed the desire of most of those groups to be free of the rule of empires and govern themselves in their traditional lands.

Nationalism: A Force for Unity or Disunity

During the 1800s, nationalism fueled efforts to build nation-states. Nationalists were not loyal to kings, but to their people—to those who shared common bonds. Nationalists believed that people of a single “nationality,” or ancestry, should unite under a single government. However, people who wanted to restore the old order from before the French Revolution saw nationalism as a force for disunity.

Types of Nationalist Movements

Type	Characteristics	Example
Unification	Mergers of politically divided but culturally similar lands	19th-century Germany 19th-century Italy
Separation	Culturally distinct group resists being added to a state or tries to break away	Greeks in the Ottoman Empire
State-building	Culturally distinct groups form into a new state by accepting a single culture	United States Turkey

Interpret Charts

- Categorize** What types of nationalist movements can evolve in lands with culturally distinct groups?
- Draw Conclusions** What must be present for state-building to take place?



Reading Check
Summarize How
can nationalism unify?
How can it break
groups apart?

Gradually, authoritarian rulers saw that nationalism could also unify people. They began to use nationalist feelings for their purposes. They built nation-states in areas where they remained in control.

In the table titled, “Types of Nationalist Movements,” you can see three types of nationalist movements. In today’s world, groups still use the spirit of nationalism to unify, separate, or build up nation-states.

Nationalism Shakes Aging Empires

Three aging empires—the Austrian Empire of the Hapsburgs, the Russian Empire of the Romanovs, and the Ottoman Empire of the Turks—contained a mixture of ethnic groups. Control moved back and forth between these empires, depending on victories or defeats in war and on royal marriages. When nationalism emerged in the 19th century, ethnic unrest threatened and eventually toppled these empires.

The Breakup of the Austrian Empire The Austrian Empire brought together Slovenes, Hungarians, Germans, Czechs, Slovaks, Croats, Poles, Serbs, and Italians. In 1866, Prussia defeated Austria in the Austro-Prussian War. With its victory, Prussia gained control of the newly organized North German Confederation, a union of Prussia and 21 smaller German political units. Then, pressured by the Hungarians, Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria split his empire in half, declaring Austria and Hungary independent states, with himself as ruler of both. The empire was now called Austria-Hungary or the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Nationalist disputes continued to weaken the empire for more than 40 years. Finally, after World War I, Austria-Hungary broke into several nation-states.

The Russian Empire Crumbles Nationalism also helped break up the 370-year-old empire of the czars in Russia. In addition to Russians, the czar ruled over 22 million Ukrainians, 8 million Poles, and smaller numbers of Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Finns, Jews, Romanians, Georgians, Armenians, Turks, and others. Each group had its own culture.

The ruling Romanov dynasty of Russia was determined to maintain iron control over this diversity. They instituted a policy of **Russification**, forcing Russian culture on all the ethnic groups in the empire. This policy actually strengthened ethnic nationalist feelings and helped to disunify Russia. The weakened czarist empire finally could not withstand the double shock of World War I and the communist revolution. The last Romanov czar gave up his power in 1917.

The Ottoman Empire Weakens The ruling Turks of the Ottoman Empire controlled Greeks, Slavs, Arabs, Bulgarians, and Armenians. In 1856, under pressure from the British and French, the Ottomans granted citizenship to the people under their rule. That measure angered conservative Turks, who wanted no change in the situation, and caused tensions in the empire. In response to nationalism in Armenia, the Ottomans massacred and deported Armenians from 1894 to 1896 and again in 1915. Like Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire broke apart soon after World War I.

Reading Check
Make Inferences
Why might a policy
like Russification
produce results that
are opposite of those
intended?

Cavour Unites Italy

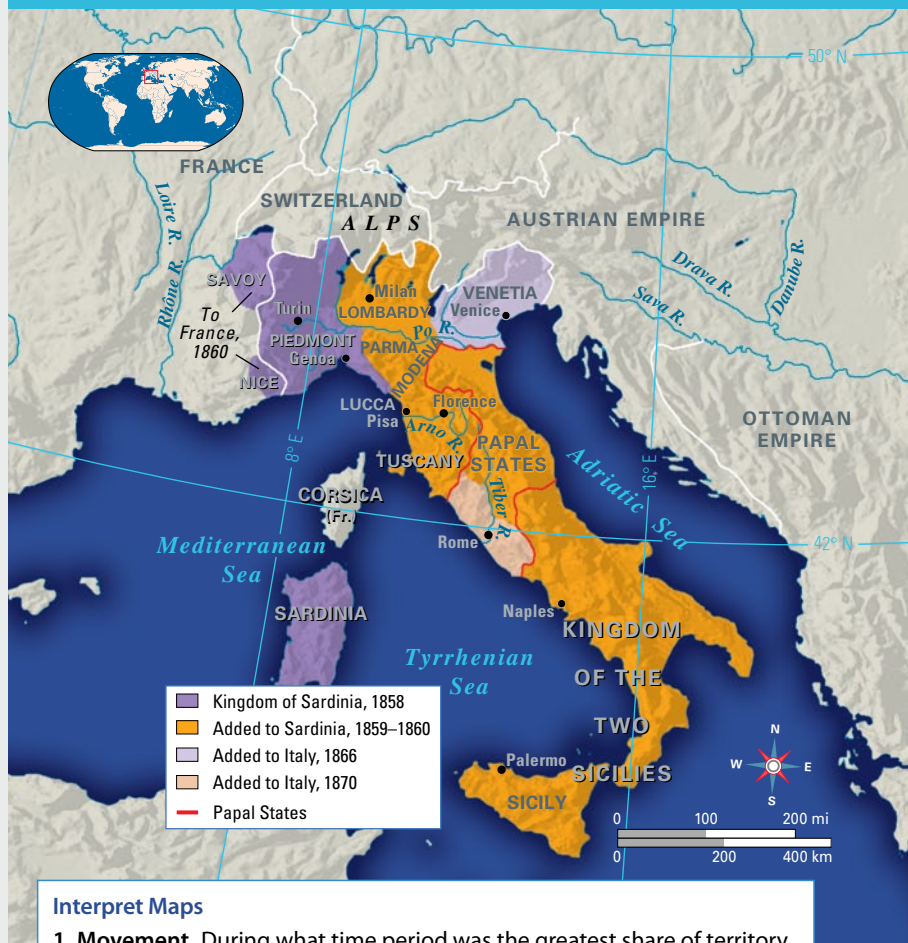
While nationalism destroyed empires, it also built nations. Italy was one of the countries to form from the territory of crumbling empires. Italians felt a strong cultural identity with others in Italy. Between 1815 and 1848, fewer and fewer Italians were content to live under foreign rulers.

Cavour Leads Italian Unification Italian nationalists looked for leadership from the kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia, the largest and most powerful of the Italian states. The kingdom had adopted a liberal constitution in 1848. So, to the liberal Italian middle classes, unification under Piedmont-Sardinia seemed a good plan.

In 1852, Sardinia's king, Victor Emmanuel II, named Count **Camillo di Cavour** (kuh•VOOR) as his prime minister. Cavour was a cunning statesman who worked tirelessly to expand Piedmont-Sardinia's power. Using skillful diplomacy and well chosen alliances he set about gaining control of northern Italy for Sardinia.

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The Unification of Italy, 1858–1870



“Right Leg in the Boot at Last”

In this 1860 British cartoon, the king of Sardinia is receiving control of lands taken by the nationalist Garibaldi. The act was one of the final steps in the unification of Italy.



Analyze Historical Sources

What symbol does the cartoonist use for the soon-to-be nation of Italy?

Cavour realized that the greatest roadblock to annexing northern Italy was Austria. In 1858, the French emperor Napoleon III agreed to help drive Austria out of the northern Italian provinces. Cavour then provoked a war with the Austrians. A combined French-Sardinian army won two quick victories. Sardinia succeeded in taking all of northern Italy, except Venetia.

Garibaldi Brings Unity As Cavour was uniting northern Italy, he secretly started helping nationalist rebels in southern Italy. In May 1860, a small army of Italian nationalists led by a bold and visionary soldier, **Giuseppe Garibaldi** (GAR•uh•BAWL•dee), captured Sicily. In battle, Garibaldi always wore a bright red shirt, as did his followers. As a result, they became known as the Red Shirts.

From Sicily, Garibaldi and his forces crossed to the Italian mainland and marched north. Eventually, Garibaldi agreed to unite the southern areas he had conquered with the kingdom of Piedmont-Sardinia. Cavour arranged for King Victor Emmanuel II to meet Garibaldi in Naples. “The Red One” willingly agreed to step aside and let the Sardinian king rule.

In 1866, the Austrian province of Venetia, which included the city of Venice, became part of Italy. In 1870, Italian forces took over the last part of a territory known as the Papal States. With this victory, the city of Rome came under Italian control. Soon after, Rome became the capital of the united kingdom of Italy. The pope, however, would continue to govern a section of Rome known as Vatican City.

Reading Check

Hypothesize

What reasons might Garibaldi have had to step aside and let the Sardinian king rule?

Bismarck Unites Germany

Like Italy, Germany also achieved national unity in the mid-1800s. Beginning in 1815, 39 German states formed a loose grouping called the German Confederation. The Austrian Empire dominated the confederation. However, Prussia was ready to unify all the German states.

Prussia Leads German Unification Prussia enjoyed several advantages that would eventually help it forge a strong German state. First of all, unlike the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Prussia had a mainly German population. As a result, nationalism actually unified Prussia. In contrast, ethnic groups in Austria-Hungary tore the empire apart. Moreover, Prussia's army was by far the most powerful in central Europe. In 1848, Berlin rioters forced a constitutional convention to write up a liberal constitution for the kingdom, paving the way for unification.

Bismarck Takes Control In 1861, Wilhelm I succeeded Frederick William to the throne. The liberal parliament refused him money for reforms that would double the strength of the army. Wilhelm saw the parliament's refusal as a major challenge to his authority. He was supported in his view by the **Junkers** (YUNG•kuhrz), strongly conservative members of Prussia's wealthy landowning class. In 1862, Wilhelm chose a conservative Junker named **Otto von Bismarck** as his prime minister. Bismarck was a master of what came to be known as **realpolitik**. This German term means "the politics of reality." The term is used to describe tough power politics with no room for idealism. With realpolitik as his style, Bismarck would become one of the commanding figures of German history.

With the king's approval, Bismarck declared that he would rule without the consent of parliament and without a legal budget. Those actions were

BIOGRAPHY

Otto von Bismarck

(1815–1898)

To some Germans, Bismarck was the greatest and noblest of Germany's statesmen. They say he almost single-handedly unified the nation and raised it to greatness. To others, he was nothing but a devious politician who abused his powers and led Germany into dictatorship.

His speeches, letters, and memoirs show him to be both crafty and deeply religious. At one moment, he could declare, "It is the destiny of the weak to be devoured by the strong."



At another moment he might claim, "We Germans shall never wage aggressive war, ambitious war, a war of conquest."

in violation of the constitution. In his first speech as prime minister, he told members of the Prussian parliament, “It is not by means of speeches and majority resolutions that the great issues of the day will be decided—that was the great mistake of 1848 and 1849—but by blood and iron.”

Prussia Expands In 1864, Bismarck took the first step toward molding an empire. Prussia and Austria formed an alliance and went to war against Denmark to win two border provinces, Schleswig and Holstein.

A quick victory increased national pride among Prussians. It also won new respect from other Germans and lent support for Prussia as head of a unified Germany. After the victory, Prussia governed Schleswig, while Austria controlled Holstein.

Seven Weeks’ War Bismarck purposely stirred up border conflicts with Austria over Schleswig and Holstein. The tensions provoked Austria into declaring war on Prussia in 1866. This conflict was known as the Seven Weeks’ War. The Prussians used their superior training and equipment to win a devastating victory. They humiliated Austria. The Austrians lost the region of Venetia, which was given to Italy. They had to accept Prussian annexation of more German territory.

With its victory in the Seven Weeks’ War, Prussia took control of northern Germany. For the first time, the eastern and western parts of the Prussian kingdom were joined. In 1867, the remaining states of the north joined the North German Confederation, which Prussia dominated completely.

The Franco-Prussian War By 1867, a few southern German states remained independent of Prussian control. The majority of southern Germans were Catholics. Many in the region resisted domination by a Protestant Prussia. However, Bismarck felt he could win the support of southerners if they faced a threat from outside. He reasoned that a war with France would rally the south.

Bismarck was an expert at manufacturing “incidents” to gain his ends. For example, he created the impression that the French ambassador had insulted the Prussian king. The French reacted to Bismarck’s deception by declaring war on Prussia on July 19, 1870.

The Prussian army immediately poured into northern France. In September 1870, the Prussian army surrounded the main French force at Sedan. Among the 83,000 French prisoners taken was Napoleon III himself. Parisians withstood a German siege until hunger forced them to surrender.

The Franco-Prussian War was the final stage in German unification. Now the nationalistic fever also seized people in southern Germany. They finally accepted Prussian leadership. On January 18, 1871, at the captured French palace of Versailles, King Wilhelm I of Prussia was crowned **kaiser** (KY•zuhr), or emperor. Germans called their empire the Second Reich. (The Holy Roman Empire was the first.) Bismarck had achieved Prussian dominance over Germany and Europe “by blood and iron.”

Reading Check

Analyze Motives

Bismarck ignored both the parliament and the constitution. How do you think this action would affect Prussian government?

The Unification of Germany, 1865–1871



Interpret Maps

- 1. Location** What was unusual about the territory of Prussia as it existed in 1865?
- 2. Movement** After 1865, what year saw the biggest expansion of Prussian territory?

A Shift in Power

The 1815 Congress of Vienna had established five Great Powers in Europe—Britain, France, Austria, Prussia, and Russia. In 1815, the Great Powers were nearly equal in strength. The wars of the mid-1800s greatly strengthened one of the Great Powers, as Prussia joined with other German states to form Germany.

By 1871, Britain and Germany were clearly the most powerful, both militarily and economically. Austria and Russia lagged far behind. France struggled along somewhere in the middle. The European balance of power had broken down. This shift also found expression in the art of the period. In fact, during that century, artists, composers, and writers pointed to paths that they believed European society should follow.



Kaiser Wilhelm I of Germany

Reading Check

Summarize How did the European balance of power change from 1815 to 1871?

Lesson 3 Assessment

1. **Organize Information** Use a timeline to identify an event that made the unification of Italy or Germany possible.



2. **Key Terms and People** For each key term or person in the lesson, write a sentence explaining its significance.

3. **Synthesize** How can nationalism be both a unifying and a disunifying force?
4. **Form Generalizations** Why did the Austrian, Russian, and Ottoman Empires face such great challenges to their control of land?
5. **Evaluate** Many liberals wanted government by elected parliaments. How was Bismarck's approach to achieving his goals different?



Revolutions in the Arts

The Big Idea

Artistic and intellectual movements both reflected and fueled changes in Europe during the 1800s.

Why It Matters Now

Romanticism and realism are still found in novels, dramas, and films produced today.

Key Terms and People

romanticism

realism

deism

impressionism

Setting the Stage

During the first half of the 1800s, artists focused on ideas of freedom, the rights of individuals, and an idealistic view of history. After the great revolutions of 1848, political focus shifted to leaders who practiced *realpolitik*. Similarly, intellectuals and artists expressed a “realistic” view of the world. In this view, the rich pursued their selfish interests while ordinary people struggled and suffered. Newly invented photography became both a way to detail this struggle and a tool for scientific investigation.

The Romantic Movement

At the end of the 18th century, the Enlightenment idea of reason gradually gave way to another major movement in art and ideas: **romanticism**. This movement reflected deep interest both in nature and in the thoughts and feelings of the individual. In many ways, romantic thinkers and writers reacted against the ideals of the Enlightenment. They turned from reason to emotion, from society to nature. Romantics rejected the rigidly ordered world of the middle class. Nationalism also fired the romantic imagination. For example, George Gordon, Lord Byron, one of the leading romantic poets of the time, fought for Greece’s freedom.

The Ideas of Romanticism Emotion, sometimes wild emotion, was a key element of romanticism. However, romanticism went beyond feelings. Romantics expressed a wide range of ideas and attitudes. In general, romantic thinkers and artists:



- emphasized inner feelings, emotions, and imagination
- focused on the mysterious, the supernatural, and the exotic, grotesque, or horrifying
- loved the beauties of untamed nature
- idealized the past as a simpler and nobler time
- glorified heroes and heroic actions
- cherished folk traditions, music, and stories
- valued the common people and the individual
- promoted radical change and democracy

Romanticism in Literature Poetry, music, and painting were the most influential arts because they were able to capture the emotion of romanticism. To romantics, poetry was the highest form of expression. The British romantic poets William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge both honored nature as the source of truth and beauty. Today William Blake is considered to be the first and most original of the Romantic poets, but in his time he was largely ignored. Later English romantic poets, such as Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and John Keats, wrote poems celebrating rebellious heroes, passionate love, and the mystery and beauty of nature. Like many romantics, many of these British poets lived stormy lives and died young. Byron, for example, died at the age of 36, while Shelley died at 29.

Germany produced one of the earliest and greatest romantic writers. In 1774, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (YO•hahn VUHLF•gahng fuhn GER•tuh) published *The Sorrows of Young Werther*. Goethe's novel told of a sensitive young man whose hopeless love for a virtuous married woman drives him

to suicide. Also in Germany, the brothers Jakob and Wilhelm Grimm collected German fairy tales and created a dictionary and grammar of the German language.

Both the tales and the dictionary celebrated the German spirit.

Victor Hugo led the French romantics. His works also reflect the romantic fascination with history and the individual. His novels *Les Misérables* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* show the struggles of individuals against a hostile society.



Romantic poet Lord Byron fought with Greek nationalists. He did not live to see their victory.

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)

A genius of European music, Beethoven suffered the most tragic disability a composer can endure. At the age of 30, he began to go deaf. His deafness grew worse for 19 years. By 1819, it was total.

At first, Beethoven's handicap barely affected his career. By 1802, however, he knew that his hearing would only worsen. He suffered from bouts of depression. The depression would bring him to the brink of suicide. Nonetheless, he would rebound:

"It seemed unthinkable for me to leave the world forever before I had produced all that I felt called upon to produce."



The Gothic Novel Gothic horror stories became hugely popular. These novels often took place in medieval Gothic castles. They were filled with fearful, violent, sometimes supernatural events. Mary Shelley, wife of the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, wrote one of the earliest and most successful Gothic horror novels, *Frankenstein*. The novel told the story of a monster created from the body parts of dead human beings.

Composers Emphasize Emotion Emotion dominated the music produced by romantic composers. These composers moved away from the tightly controlled, formal compositions of the Enlightenment period. Instead, they celebrated heroism and national pride with a new power of expression.

As music became part of middle-class life, musicians and composers became popular heroes. Composer and pianist Franz Liszt (lihst), for example, achieved earnings and popularity comparable to those of today's rock stars.

One of the composers leading the way into the Romantic period was also its greatest: Ludwig van Beethoven (LOOD•vihg vahn BAY•toh•vuhn). His work evolved from the classical music of the Enlightenment into romantic compositions. His Ninth Symphony soars, celebrating freedom, dignity, and the triumph of the human spirit.

Later romantic composers also appealed to the hearts and souls of their listeners. Robert Schumann's compositions sparkle with merriment. Like many romantic composers, Felix Mendelssohn drew on literature, such as Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as the inspiration for his music. Polish composer and concert pianist Frederic Chopin (SHOH•pan) used Polish dance rhythms in his music. Giuseppe Verdi and Richard Wagner brought European opera to a dramatic and theatrical high point.

Reading Check

Summarize What are some of the themes that are key to romantic literature and art?

The Shift to Realism in the Arts

By the middle of the 19th century, rapid industrialization deeply affected everyday life in Europe. The growing class of industrial workers lived grim lives in dirty, crowded cities. Industrialization began to make the dreams of the romantics seem pointless. In literature and the visual arts, **realism** tried to show life as it was, not as it should be. Realist painting reflected the increasing political importance of the working class in the 1850s. Along with paintings, novels proved especially suitable for describing workers' suffering.

Photographers Capture Reality As realist painters and writers detailed the lives of actual people, photographers could record an instant in time with scientific precision. The first practical photographs were called daguerreotypes (duh•GEHR•uh•typs). They were named after their French inventor, Louis Daguerre. The images in his daguerreotypes were startlingly real and won him worldwide fame.

British inventor William Talbot invented a light-sensitive paper that he used to produce photographic negatives. The advantage of his process was that many prints could be made from one negative. The Talbot process also allowed photos to be reproduced in books and newspapers. Mass distribution gained a wide audience for the realism of photography. With its scientific, mechanical, and mass-produced features, photography was the art of the new industrial age.

Historical Sources

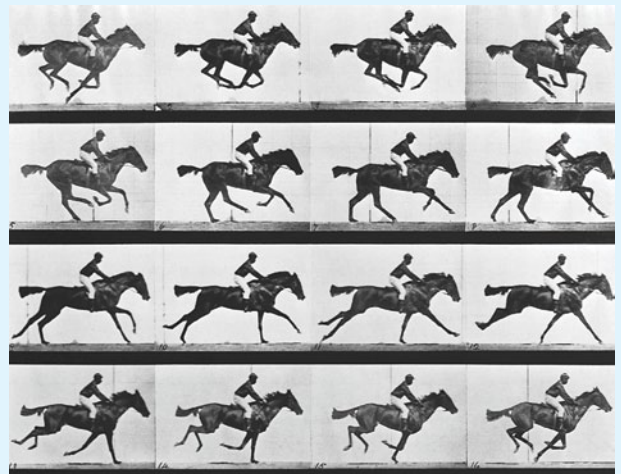
Motion Studies

Eadweard Muybridge had a varied career as a photographer. He devoted part of his career to motion studies. These photographic studies froze the motion of an object at an instant in time. They allowed scientists to study motion and to better understand time. The equipment he built helped lead to the development of motion pictures.

This series of photographs taken in 1878, titled "The Horse in Motion," was designed to discover if all of the legs of a running horse leave the ground at the same time.

Analyze Historical Sources

1. What do the series of photographs reveal about the question of whether all the legs of a horse leave the ground at the same time?
2. What reaction do you think these pictures would have generated among the general public?



Reading Check

Form Opinions

Which do you think would be more effective in spurring reforms—photographs or a realist novel? Explain.

Writers Study Society Realism in literature flourished in France with writers such as Honoré de Balzac and Émile Zola. Balzac wrote a massive series of almost 100 novels entitled *The Human Comedy*. They describe in detail the brutal struggle for wealth and power among all levels of French society. Zola's novels exposed the miseries of French workers in small shops, factories, and coal mines. His revelations shocked readers and spurred reforms of labor laws and working conditions in France. The famous English realist novelist Charles Dickens created unforgettable characters and scenes of London's working poor. Many of the scenes were humorous, but others showed the despair of London's poor. In his book *Little Dorrit*, Dickens described the life of a working-class person as sheer monotony set in a gloomy neighborhood.

A Changing View of Religion Realism often involved a rejection of both non-Christian religions and dogmatic Christianity. Many realists believed in “natural religion.” Natural religion, also called **deism**, was a belief that everyone was born with religious, ethical, and moral impulses. It often rejected the teachings of any one church.

Impressionists React Against Realism

Beginning in the 1860s, a group of painters in Paris reacted against the realist style. Instead of showing life “as it really was,” they tried to show their impression of a subject or a moment in time. For this reason, their style of art came to be known as **impressionism**. Fascinated by light, impressionist artists used pure, shimmering colors to capture a moment seen at a glance.

Poppies by impressionist painter Claude Monet



Life in the Moment Unlike the realists, impressionists showed a more positive view of the new urban society in western Europe. Instead of abused workers, they showed shop clerks and dockworkers enjoying themselves in dance halls and cafés. They painted performers in theaters and circuses. And they glorified the delights of the life of the rising middle class. Claude Monet (moh•NAY), Edgar Degas (duh•GAH), and Pierre-Auguste Renoir (ruhn•WHAR) were leaders in the movement that became very popular.

Composers also created impressions of mood and atmosphere. By using different combinations of instruments, tone patterns, and music structures, they were able to create mental pictures of such things as flashing lights, the feel of a warm summer day, or the sight of the sea. French composers Maurice Ravel and Claude Debussy are the most notable members of the impressionist music movement.

Changes in political, social, artistic, religious, and intellectual movements during the 19th century signaled important changes in daily life. One of the most significant causes of change was industrialization, which you will learn about next.

Reading Check

Summarize What are some of the features of impressionism?

Lesson 4 Assessment

- 1. Organize Information** Use an outline to show the goals of realist writers.
 - I. The Romantic Movement
 - A.
 - B.
 - II. The Shift to Realism in the Arts
- 2. Key Terms and People** For each key term or person in the lesson, write a sentence explaining its significance.
- 3. Compare and Contrast** How are the movements of romanticism and realism alike and different?
- 4. Analyze Causes** How might a realist novel bring about changes in society? Describe the ways by which this might happen.
- 5. Summarize** How did nationalism influence the artistic movements you read about?

Revolutions in Painting

European painting underwent revolutionary changes during the 1800s. In the early years, romanticism—which stressed emotion above all else—was the dominant style. As revolutions swept Europe in the 1840s, some artists rejected romanticism in favor of realism. They portrayed common people and everyday life in a realistic manner. Toward the end of the century, art underwent another revolution, influenced by scientific discoveries about vision. Impressionist painters experimented with light and color to capture their impressions of a passing moment.

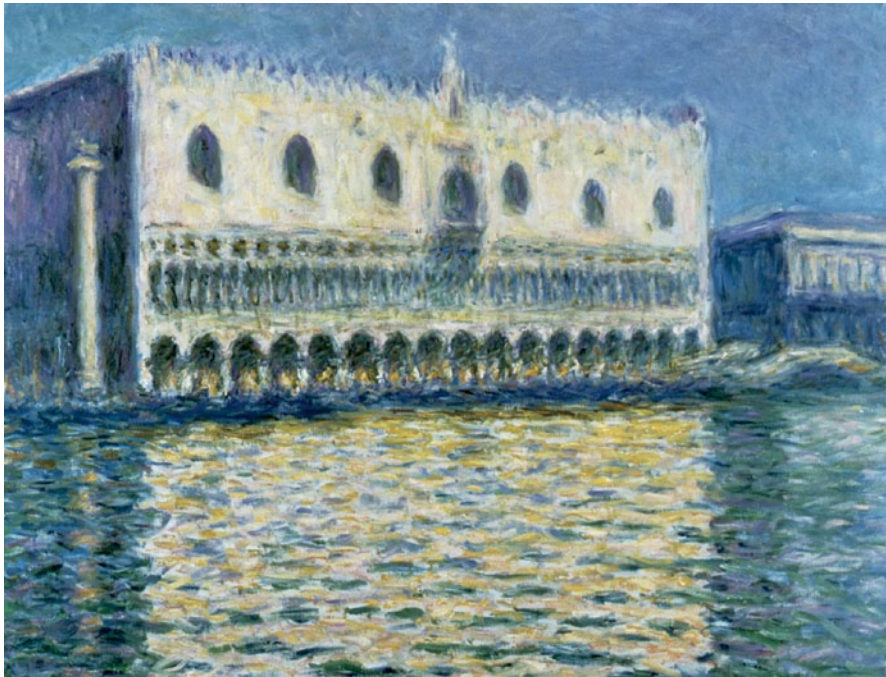


▲ ROMANTICISM/DELACROIX

In their eagerness to explore emotion, romantic artists had certain favorite subjects: nature, love, religion, and nationalism. This painting, *The Lion Hunt* by Eugène Delacroix, shows that violence and exotic cultures were also popular themes. The swirling capes, snarling lions, and bold reds and yellows help convey the ferocity of the hunt.

REALISM/COURBET ▶

The Stone Breakers by Gustave Courbet shows that realist artists tried to portray everyday life just as it was, without making it pretty or trying to tell a moralistic story. Notice how the workers' clothes are torn and shabby. The boy rests the heavy basket of stones on his knee to ease his burden, while the man bends to his task. The colors are dull and gritty, just as the job itself is.

**◀ IMPRESSIONISM/MONET**

The impressionists wanted to record the perceptions of the human eye rather than physical reality. To do this, they tried to portray the effect of light on landscapes and buildings. They combined short strokes of many colors to create a shimmering effect. They also used brighter, lighter colors than the artists before them had used. As the painting *Ducal Palace, Venice* by Claude Monet shows, the impressionists often painted water because of its reflective nature.

Critical Thinking

1. Develop Historical Perspective If you were a political revolutionary of the 1800s, which of these artistic styles would you use for your propaganda posters? Why?

2. Draw Conclusions Impressionism remains extremely popular more than a century after it was first developed. What do you think accounts for its popularity today?

Module 14 Assessment

Key Terms and People

For each term or name below, write a sentence explaining its significance.

1. conservative
2. liberal
3. nationalism
4. nation-state
5. realpolitik
6. romanticism
7. realism
8. Impressionism

Main Ideas

Use your notes and the information in the module to answer the following questions.

Latin American Peoples Win Independence

1. What caused the creoles in South America to rebel against Spain?
2. What role did Agustín de Iturbide play in the independence of Mexico?
3. Who was Dom Pedro, and what role did he play in Brazil's move to independence?

Europe Faces Revolutions

4. How is a liberal different from a conservative?
5. How successful were the revolts of 1848? Explain.
6. Why did the French accept Louis-Napoleon as an emperor?

Nationalism: Case Studies: Italy, Germany

7. How did nationalism in the 1800s work as a force for both bringing groups of people together and breaking them apart?
8. What approaches did Camillo di Cavour use to acquire more territory for Piedmont-Sardinia?
9. What strategy did Otto von Bismarck use to make Prussia the leader of a united Germany?

Revolutions in the Arts

10. What are five elements of romanticism?
11. What are two ideas or attitudes of the romantic movement that reflect the ideals of nationalism?
12. What new conditions caused a change in the arts from romanticism to realism?

Module 14 Assessment, continued

Critical Thinking

1. **Categorize** Use a table to describe the nationalist movements in Mexico, Greece, Italy, and Germany, and the results of each movement.

Country	Nationalism and Its Results
Mexico	
Greece	
Italy	
Germany	

2. **Evaluate** Why do you think Giuseppe Garibaldi stepped aside to let Victor Emmanuel II rule areas that Garibaldi had conquered in southern Italy?
3. **Analyze Motives** How do you think nationalism might help revolutionaries overcome the disadvantages of old weapons and poor supplies to win a war for national independence? Explain.
4. **Make Inferences** Do you believe the Latin American revolutions would have occurred without a push from European events? Explain.
5. **Synthesize** How did artistic and intellectual movements reflect and fuel changes in Europe in the 1800s?
6. **Compare** Think about the political, social, religious, and economic issues that were important during the nationalistic revolutions of this period. How are the issues different from the issues that were important in earlier periods that you have learned about?

Focus on Writing

Write a speech that might have been delivered somewhere in Europe at a rally for Greek independence. Urge the country's leaders to help the Greeks in their struggle for independence from the Ottoman Empire. Consider the following:

- the connections of Greece to Europeans
- reasons to support Greek revolutionaries
- the cause of democracy

Multimedia Activity

Use the Internet, newspapers, magazines, and your own experience to list movies that portray social and political conditions. Evaluate the credibility and limitations of each source. Then create a web page that classifies each portrayal as either romantic or realistic. Remember to focus on the meanings of the terms *romantic* and *realistic* as they apply to the two movements in art and literature. You may want to include the following on your web page:

- descriptions of movie plots or character portrayals
- still shots from movies that support your conclusions
- romantic or realistic quotations from movies