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Research and writing assignment

Risorgimento movement

Risorgimento (Italian: “Rising Again”) was a movement in the 19th century for Italian unification that culminated in the establishment of the kingdom of Italy in 1861. This movement was an ideological and literary movement, to help awaken the nation's awareness of the Italian people, and it led to a series of political events that freed the Italian states from foreign domination and united them politically.

The main reason for the Risorgimento came from reforms introduced by the French when they dominated Italy during the period of the French revolutionary and Napoleonic wars (1796-1815). A number of Italian states were briefly consolidated, first as republics and then as satellite states of the French empire, and, even more importantly, the Italian middle class grew in numbers and was allowed to participate in government.

The Risorgimento movement had caused a domino effect for the Italians. They realized there was still more they could do to strengthen their nation. This inspired Giuseppe Mazzini in 1831 to create another movement which was named “Young Italy” this society, that represented the democratic aspect of the Risorgimento hoped to educate the Italian people to a sense of their nationhood and to encourage the masses to rise against the existing reactionary regimes. Young Italy was to be based on the moral and spiritual revival of the Italian people; it was to have a popular character and educate the people in their political role. This new movement was declared to stand for a republican government because, as its official program stated, “all the men of the nation are called by the law of God and humanity to be free and equal brothers, and only a republic could assure this”. It also favored a unity state because since “without unity there is no strength”

I admire the Italians as they did not allow France to dominate their nation and not only made a movement to awaken the people to realize there is more action they can take to change this, but they had continued to fight for not only their freedom, but equality and to strengthen their nation. This all led to the Italians being more aware of their rights and awareness of their system and many more movements to make it happen.

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