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In the 19th century, Germany was a collection of small and fragmented states, each with their own language, culture, and political identity. The nationalist movement that emerged during this time sought to unify these disparate states into a single, powerful nation-state.

The ideals of the 19th-century nationalist movement in Germany were grounded in the belief in the inherent superiority of the German people and their culture. This movement was characterized by a sense of romanticism and idealism, as well as a desire to create a national identity that was distinct from those of other European nations.

Key components of the nationalist ideology included a commitment to the idea of "Volk," or the German people as a community, and a belief in the importance of the German language and culture. The movement was also driven by a desire for political and economic self-determination, as Germans sought to gain greater autonomy and influence in the international arena.

Overall, the nationalist movement in Germany during the 19th century sought to create a unified, powerful, and culturally distinct nation-state that could take its place among the great powers of Europe. This movement played a key role in the eventual unification of Germany in 1871 under the leadership of Otto von Bismarck.

To be a German during the 19th-century nationalist movement meant to identify with a common cultural and linguistic heritage, as well as a shared sense of national identity. Also, it was to be part of a larger cultural and political project aimed at creating a

unified German nation-state. This involved a shared sense of national identity, a commitment to the German language and culture, and a desire for greater political and economic self-determination.

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