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Iron Words Reforged

Directions: Read the excerpt from Otto von Bismarck's famous "Blood and Iron" speech below. Then, rewrite it in **modern, everyday language** that captures his original message about unity and power. Focus on meaning, not fancy words!



Excerpt (1862): "Not by speeches and majority decisions will the great questions of the day be decided-that was the great mistake of 1848 and 1849-but by iron and blood."

Your Task:

1. Write a short paragraph translating Bismarck's words into modern language while keeping his tone of determination and strength.

2. Explain in one to two sentences what you think Bismarck wanted his audience to feel or do after hearing this speech.

3. End with a modern slogan or motto that captures the spirit of his message in today's terms.