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## Fires Of Unity

**Directions:** Debate whether nationalism in 19th-century Europe helped strengthen nations through unity or caused harm through division and conflict. Read the background below, choose a stance, and prepare your argument using historical examples from Italy and Germany.

**Background:** In the 19th century, Europe saw a wave of nationalism that reshaped its map. In Italy, leaders like **Giuseppe Garibaldi** and **Count Cavour** fought to unite fragmented states under one nation. In Germany, **Otto von Bismarck** used war and diplomacy to create a powerful empire. Nationalism inspired people to take pride in shared language and culture-but it also sparked wars, revolutions, and rivalries among nations.

1. Choose your position:
  - **Pro:** Nationalism was beneficial-it united people and strengthened nations.
  - **Con:** Nationalism was destructive-it fueled conflict and division.
2. Write a short opening statement (4-6 sentences) supporting your side.

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3. Use **two historical examples** from 19th-century Europe to defend your claim.

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4. Finish with a **closing statement** summarizing your view on nationalism's long-term impact.
5. (Optional for in-class activity) Present your argument in a short debate with a partner or group.