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1. The process of German unification

The first attempt for the unification of Germany was made in 1848 through the establishment of constitutional monarchy under the Prussian king wilhelm IV by convening a parliament at Frankfurt. The Prussian king rejected this move and join the other monarch to oppose the elected assembly.

There were widespread nationalist feelings among middle-class Germans, who in 1848, tried to unite the different regions of the German confederation into a nation-state.

Prussia Took the initiative and leadership of the movement for national

Unification. Otto von bismarck, the Chief Minister of Prussia, with the help of the Prussian army and bureaucracy carried the process further.

He fought three wars over seven years against Austria, Denmark and France, which ended in prussian victory. This victory completed the process of German unification.

1. THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE WOMEN IN NATIONALIST STRUGGLES

Women played a vital role in the nationalist struggles around the world.

Women from many parts of Europe like Germany, Italy and Poland actively supported the liberals demanding constitutional monarchy with National unification.

They too joined their demands for political right 'like suffrage' along with the struggle of the liberals. but in spite of their active participation, extension of political rights to them remained a controversial issue.

They took advantage of the unrest in Europe to push their demand for freedoms of press and Association and creation of nation-state.

They even formed there own political association and founded their newspapers.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. What factors led to the unification of germany ?
2. What were the three wars of German unification?
3. Why did Germany take so long to unify?
4. What important role did women play in the Nationalist struggles of Europe?
5. What role did women Nationalism play in Europe?

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