# Unit Y215: the Unification of Italy 1789–1896

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **Italy 1789–1847** | 1 | 1 | Italy in 1789; | * The Italian states and the nature of Italy in 1789 | * *The Unification of Italy 1789-1896*, Pearce & Stiles, Hodder * *Italian Unification 1815-1871*, Podesta & Canning, Hodder * *Unification of Italy*, Darby, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform * *The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy*, Beales & Biagini, Routledge |
| 1 | 1-2 | the impact of the French Revolution; | * Significance of the French revolution on Italy and progression of liberty * Responses by rulers |
| 1 | 3 | Napoleonic Italy; | * Nature of Napoleonic rule in Italy * French interest and Italian reaction * Support and opposition to French rule * Impact of rule in Italy * Economic Issues |
| 1 | 4 | Italy and the impact of the Vienna Settlement; | * Terms of the treaty and impact on Italy, including impact on Piedmont, Lombardy, Venice, the Papal States, the Central Duchies and Naples. * Impact on liberalism and nationalism in Italy |
| 1 | 5 | unrest and nationalism; | * The Risorgimento – early unrest and growth of nationalism |
| 1 | 5 | the Carbonari; | * Development of secret societies * Aims of the Carbonari * Limitations of early unrests and societies |
| 1 | 6 | the revolutions of 1820–1821 and 1831; | * Aims, events and impact of revolutions * Successes and failures of revolutions |

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|  | 1 | 7 | the influence of intellectuals and nationalist movements, including Young Italy and different attitudes to unification; | * Development of Risorgimento to 1847 * Role of Giuseppe Mazzini and Young Italy * Failures and impact of young Italy and Mazzini * Development of national identity and barriers to unity – including language * Patriotic themes in musical and literary works * Role and impact of Vincenzo Gioberti * Role and impact of Cesare Balbo * Role and impact of Massimo d’Azeglio |  |
| 1 | 7 | extent of support for nationalism. | * Extent of support from the Risorgimento |
| **The Revolutions of 1848–1849 and their aftermath** | 2 | 8-9 | Revolutions in Lombardy, Piedmont, Naples, Venice and Rome; role of Pope Pius IX and Charles Albert; the role of revolutionary leaders including Garibaldi and Mazzini; | * Causes of the revolutions * Aims of the revolutionaries * Reforms of Pope Pius IX * Role of Charles Albert and his campaigns * Spread of the revolutions * The Papal Allocution * The defeat of Charles Albert, July 1848 * Rise of the radical revolutionaries * Austrian reaction * Defeat of Sicilian rebels * Defeat and abdication of Charles Albert * Defeat of the Roman Republic * Defeat of Venice | * *The Unification of Italy 1789-1896*, Pearce & Stiles, Hodder * *Italian Unification 1815-1871*, Podesta & Canning, Hodder * *Unification of Italy*, Darby, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform * *The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy*, Beales & Biagini, Routledge |
| 2 | 10 | the reasons for the failure of nationalist and liberal protests; | * Reasons for defeat, including lack of support and strength of Austria |
| 2 | 11 | the results of the revolutions; | * Results of the revolution, including lack of popular support, role of Piedmont in future unification, fear of Mazzini’s ideas from those in power and eventual moderation of beliefs by Cavour, issue of foreign intervention. |
| 2 | 12 | the developments in Piedmont under Cavour and Victor Emmanuel II. | * Political and economic developments in Piedmont. * The Statuto * The Siccardi Laws * Growth of Free Trade * Technological improvements * The Connubio * Anti-clericalism * Cavour’s dealings with the radicals * Development of the railways * Development of Textile industry * Foreign investment * Canal building * Electric telegraph |
| **The Risorgimento and the establishment of a new Kingdom of Italy 1850–1861** | 2 | 13 | The diplomacy of Cavour and his relations with Napoleon III; | * Austrian power and Cavour’s foreign policy aims * Significance of the Crimean War for Piedmont * Involvement of Napoleon III and the assassination attempt by Orisini * The Plombieres | * *The Unification of Italy 1789-1896*, Pearce & Stiles, Hodder * *Italian Unification 1815-1871*, Podesta & Canning, Hodder * *Unification of Italy*, Darby, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform * *The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy*, Beales & Biagini, Routledge |
| 2-3 | 14-15 | causes and results of the war of 1859; | * Causes of war * Attempts to provoke war * European responses * Events of the war * Napoleon’s peace and Villafranca * Results of the war * Role of the Pope * The Treaty of Turin * Annexation of the Central States |
| 3 | 16-17 | Garibaldi and the Thousand and the expedition to Sicily; the role of Victor Emmanuel II, Cavour and the enlargement of Piedmont; | * Reaction of loss of Nice by Garibaldi * Events of expedition * Consequences and significance of the thousand * Role of Victor Emmanuel and Cavour |
| 3 | 18 | the constitution and nature of the Kingdom of Italy. | * Election of 1861 * Adoption and contents of new constitution * Nature of the new Italy |
| **Italy 1861–1896** | 3 | 19 | Piedmontisation 1861–1870; further attempts at unification; | * Extension of Piedmont politics * Growing resentment | * *The Unification of Italy 1789-1896*, Pearce & Stiles, Hodder * *Italian Unification 1815-1871*, Podesta & Canning, Hodder * *Unification of Italy*, Darby, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform * *The Risorgimento and the Unification of Italy*, Beales & Biagini, Routledge |
| 4 | 20 | Brigands’ War and the policies of the new Italy; | * Causes, events and significance of the Brigands War * Economic integration * Issues with Rome * Issues in Venice * Issues with the Church |
| 4 | 21 | the impact of Prussia’s wars against Austria and France 1866–1871 on Italy; | * Prussian war with Austria and France, impact on Italy, in particular in Rome and Venice * Reactions from the church |
| 4 | 22 | the degree of unity in 1871; social and economic problems; | * Divisions between north and South * On-going issues with Pidemontisation * Weak central government * Lack of economic integration * Divisions between Church and State |
| 4 | 22-23 | the Mezzogiorno; | * Continued issues in the South * Growing economic disparity * Rise of poverty and organised crime * upsurge in brigandage * Growth of Italian diaspora |
| 4 | 24 | relations with the Church; | * On-going relations with the church post-unification |
| 4 | 24 | the policies of Trasformismo; | * Political policies of Trasformismo and on-going political problems |
| 4 | 25 | Italy’s relations with the other European powers; | * Relations with Britain, Prussia/Germany, France, Austria, Russia |
| 4 | 25 | colonial expansion. | * Attempts to gain overseas empire, successes, failures and impact. |

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