The Kingdom of Italy: Unity or Disparity, 1860-1945 – Summer 2021

Background Resources: Topics I and II

Please read/view as many or as few of these as you like. Their purpose is to give a brief overview to aid in understanding the lecture.

**Simple Comparison of North-Center and South of Italy at the Time of Unification**

Separate document on this webpage

**Ten Minute History: The Unification of Italy**

A look at unification for background and better understanding of what I’ll discuss in class. It’s quick and mostly accurate (some oversimplification and one glaring error). The narrator is English so a number of Italian words are “mispronounced” to American ears.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjFscoiE8eI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjFscoiE8eI)

To get some background on the Italian language…

The first three links are serious and generally reliable videos about languages, dialects, and accents in Italy. The fourth is highly recommended for its comedic value (but it’s also insightful and a little smutty). (and, yes, even though he’s an Aussie, Italian friends tell me he gets the accents dead on)

**Languages and Dialects of Italy** (33 minutes)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEEPyE-nR58&t=21s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEEPyE-nR58&t=21s)

**The Italian Language!** (history and features) 16 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMcu6Wk3WGw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMcu6Wk3WGw)

**Languages of Italy** 16 minutes

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e34M6P1NXYM&t=49s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e34M6P1NXYM&t=49s)

**8 Italian Accents – 8 Accenti Italiani**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnJfI49uwKE&t=413s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnJfI49uwKE&t=413s)