

Otto Von Bismarck

Early Life:

Otto Von Bismarck was a German of noble birth(born in Prussia). He was born in 1815 on April 1 close to Berlin. Bismarck was apparently a handsome youth who was highly un-disciplined. He, like any proud and self-respecting German, drank a lot of alcohol. He ran his family estates after his father died; he also became a lawyer. He executed his usual attitude in law school, being very non-serious and passing by cramming the entire course shortly before the exam. Eventually he went into court and proved his proficiency as a state man.

Achievements:

Otto Von Bismarck was a legendary statesman and his only real flaw as a statesman was that he did not have immortality. He managed to successfully unite the smaller German states into a larger German Confederation; The Empire of Germany. For context, Prussia and Austria were competing for influence over the smaller German states which had popped into existence when the Holy Roman Empire was dissolved by the king of Austria(who ruled said empire) due to Napoleon. Prussia had united the northern states into the North German Confederation, but the southern states remained out of its reach. To get the southern states to unite Bismarck decided that a common enemy was required. To get this common enemy Bismarck played France like a puppet. He somehow managed to get France to declare war on Prussia and used nationalistic sentiments to get the southern states to side with Prussia. Bismarck's genius plan worked out and in 1871 The German Empire was formed. Bismarck was the chancellor of the empire, but was forced to resign in 1890 because everyone hated him. In 1898 Otto Von

Bismarck took his final breath, and to give you an idea of his sheer genius, Bismarck is thought to have said that 20 years after his death the German Empire will fall, 20 years and 4 months(roughly) after he died Kaiser Wilhelm abdicated and in 21 years and 1 month(roughly) the German empire was dissolved.