
Nationalism, *Realpolitik*, and Realism: 1850-1871

VII. Great Britain: Prosperity and Reform

A. The “Workshop of the World”

1. Great Britain continued to enjoy unprecedented prosperity.
2. British shipyards led the world in the construction of iron ships.
3. British bankers invested surplus capital in projects all over the globe.

B. The Reform Bill of 1867

1. Britain’s rapidly growing working class continued to demand electoral reform.
2. Led by Benjamin Disraeli, the Conservatives (formerly the Tories), supported a new reform bill.
3. The Reform Bill of 1867 extended the suffrage to most of Great Britain’s urban workers.
4. It is important to note that British women were still denied the right to vote.