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**Napoleon and German Identity**

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1. Why was it ironic that Thomas Nipperday used the phrase ‘In the beginning, there was Napoleon’ to start his book about the rise of Germay in the 19th century ?
2. Why hadn‘t Germany united as a nation-state by the time of Napoleon ?
3. What impact did Napoleon have on Germany, or the Holy Roman Empire as it was then ?
4. What replaced the Holy Roman Empire after the Congress of Vienna ?
5. What had happened to it by 1849 and why?
6. What was the reaction within Germany to the problems it faced as a result?
7. How was Prussia leading the way and why?
8. What was the Zollverein and why did it owe a debt to Napoleon?
9. Why was Napoleonic rule negatively seen in Prussia in particular?
10. What was the resultant mood called and how was it expressed?
11. Why was there more liberal acceptance of conservative rule in Prussia than elsewhere?
12. What put that relationship under strain in the 1860s?
13. How was it resolved and by whom?
14. How did Napoleon therefore help guarantee the rise of Germany?