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Italian Unification

Italian City-States

Read the following passage written by Giuseppe Mazzini. Based on the passage and your knowledge of his ideals, answer the questions:

. . . In labouring according to true principles for our Country we are labouring for Humanity; our Country is the fulcrum* of the lever which we have to wield for the common good. If we give up this fulcrum we run the risk of becoming useless to our Country and to Humanity. Before *associating* ourselves with the Nations which compose Humanity we must exist as a Nation.¹

1. What do you think Mazzini meant when he said that laboring for the country is laboring for humanity?

2. How is the country like a fulcrum? Why is it important?

3. Why is Mazzini's last sentence so important?

¹Fulcrum—used in this statement to make a political comparison to the way a mechanical fulcrum is used as a point to exert pressure on with a lever to move an item