



4. Who was Giovanni Gentile? Summarize his main theories about fascism.

5. How did Mussolini use the election of 1924 to strengthen his power? What did he do after the election to continue to strengthen his power?

6. What was the fascist state's view of the Catholic Church? How did the Catholic Church react?

7. How did Mussolini restructure the Italian economy? How does this compare to socialism and capitalism?

8. Describe Mussolini's relationship with Hitler and Nazi Germany.

9. What were Mussolini's views on war? What militaristic actions did Italy take in the 1930s?

10. What other fascist regimes did Mussolini's fascist Italy inspire?

11. Why do you think Mussolini was so popular as dictator of Italy? Use at least two pieces of evidence from the document to support your thinking.

**Use the “Benito Mussolini” handout to answer these questions**

12. Which groups of Italians came together in 1919 to form the fascist party? Why do you think these people found Mussolini appealing?

13. Describe how conditions in Italy helped Mussolini rise to power.

14. Describe the methods that the fascists used that helped Mussolini rise to power.

15. What was the March on Rome? How did it lead to the fascist takeover of Italy?

16. Why was Mussolini so popular among the middle class? Why do you think so many people in Italy embraced his authoritarian actions, even those that were repressive and violent?

17. How did Mussolini transform Italy’s democracy into a dictatorship?

18. Why did Mussolini order the Italian military to invade the African country of Ethiopia in October 1935? Why was the League of Nations unable to stop him?

19. Do you think Italians would be more likely to believe in and obey Mussolini if he led a successful war against another country? Explain.

20. What was Mussolini's government's policy regarding the Jews of Italy? Why do you think he followed the Nazis in enacting these laws? What were the consequences of these laws on the Jews?

21. How did Italy fare during the Second World War?

22. Describe the events of July 1943 that led to the downfall of Mussolini.

23. What ultimately happened to Mussolini? How did the majority of Italians react to this?

**Use the “Adolf Hitler” handout to answer these questions**

24. What problems existed in Germany after World War One?

25. What qualities and characteristics of leadership did Hitler seem to have and to demonstrate?

26. Describe the Beer Hall Putsch of November 1923. What consequence did Hitler face as a result of his actions? How did he spend his time while in jail?

27. Explain three ideas that Hitler outlined in Mein Kampf.

28. What economic and social factors contributed to Hitler’s rise to power?

29. What pressures and laws led to the persecution of political opponents by the Nazi government?

30. In what ways was Hitler motivated to order the killing of Ernst Rohm, leader of the Sturmabteilung?

31. What additional title and power did Hitler gain following the death of President Paul von Hindenburg on August 2, 1934?

32. What major factor contributed toward Germany and Italy agreeing to a military alliance?

33. What were Hitler's first two territorial expansion conquests? Describe how these countries came under Nazi Germany control. Do you think that countries like France and Britain could have done more to prevent these actions? Explain.

34. What was Hitler's government's policy regarding the Jews of German-occupied Europe? What were the consequences of this on the Jews?

35. When and how did Hitler die, and what was the status of Nazi Germany at the time?