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*Mussolini: Italy's Nightmare* Viewing guide

1. Who did Benito Mussolini believe himself to be the modern day version of?
2. What were the politics of Mussolini's dad? How, in turn, did Benito Mussolini get his name? Why is all this ironic given Mussolini's later politics?
3. Name three things during Mussolini's childhood/early adulthood that foreshadowed his later years as a Fascist dictator.
4. What was the atmosphere in Italy after World War I?
5. How did Mussolini use the media to control the masses when he was rising to power?
6. What did Mussolini learn from journalism? What did he use the media to do?
7. What was Mussolini's view on WWII?
8. What defining piece of clothing did Mussolini's organized thugs who bullied people wear? Now, using common sense, what did they become known as?
9. What does Il Duce mean?
10. What new party did Mussolini found that took control of the government in 1922?
11. How did Mussolini take power? What was weird about it? Be specific.
12. What did Mussolini do with the king and Parliament after he came to power?
13. What did Mussolini do to all the political parties in Italy?

14. What did Mussolini do to win the approval of the Catholic Church?
15. How did Mussolini use propaganda?
16. What was the “hallmark” of Il Duce’s regime? How did he control the presses while in power?
17. What did Hitler ask Mussolini for as a young man? How did Il Duce respond? How did Mussolini feel about Hitler?
18. What ages did Mussolini order mandatory military instruction for all Italians?
19. What African country did Mussolini invade in an attempt to bring Italy glory and increase its empire? Describe some of the brutalities committed? About how many Ethiopians died? What did it do to Italy financially?
20. Describe the relation between Hitler and Mussolini by 1937?
21. How did Mussolini turn on Italian Jews in 1938? What was unique about this turn?
22. How did Italians feel about World War II?
23. What did Mussolini sign with Hitler in mid-1939?
24. What was the greatest military mistake made by Mussolini?
25. Describe Mussolini’s military career
26. How does Mussolini lose power? How does he spend his sixtieth birthday?