

Mussolini and the Rise of Fascism

Reading Questions

- 1) Summarize the following six characteristics of fascism **in your own words**:
 - Absolute Power of the State:

 - Rule by a Dictator:

 - Corporatism:

 - Extreme Nationalism:

 - Superiority of the nation's people:

 - Militarism and imperialism:

- 2) What did Mussolini call for when he returned to Italy after WWI?

- 3) How did Mussolini gain power in 1919 & 1922? What methods did he use to gain power?
 - 1919:

 - 1922:

- 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?

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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 & 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?

Analysis Paragraph: Why do you think Mussolini was so popular as dictator of Italy? Use at least 2 pieces of evidence from the document to support your thinking.