

Aim: How did fascism rise in Italy?

I Rise of Fascism

- Fascist parties began to rise in Europe after WWI
- Fascism was to destroy the will of the individual in favor of the country
- Fascism is a division of totalitarianism

II Post War Problems in Italy

1. Italy Joined WWI to gain land.
2. Wilson cut them out of the settlement, 600,000 soldiers died
3. Italian post-war problems:
 - i National debt
 - ii High unemployment
 - iii Poverty
 - iv Anger
 - v Strikes
 - vi Riots
 - vii Demands for land reform

III Italy: The First Fascist State

- a) Italy was the first state to have a fascist government
- b) Benito Mussolini created the Nationalist Fascist Party in 1919.
- c) Mussolini's **Blackshirts**, fought against Socialists and Communists.
- d) By 1921 members were in the Italian parliament.
- e) Mussolini marched on Rome in 1922
- f) King Victor Emanuel III named Mussolini Prime Minister.

IV Totalitarian Italy

- i Mussolini took over parliament in 1922.
- ii When he did take complete power Mussolini:
 - a. limited the power of parliament
 - b. banned labor unions
 - c. abolished rival political parties
 - d. set up a secret police
 - e. Use Black Shirts to intimidate opponents.
 - f. He also used propaganda photos, documentary films, music, education, television, and parades to help his image.
 - g. In addition he rejected Democracy, Capitalism, and Free Trade

V Italian Foreign Policy

- i Italy started to focus on expansion
- ii a. Took Corfu in Greece in 1923
- iii b. Controlled Albania
- iv c. Reconquered Libya
- v d. In 1935 Mussolini conquered Ethiopia
- vi This led to the relationship between Hitler and Mussolini