

Character Chosen: Benito Mussolini

*Please note, you must hand this sheet in with your project for the majority of your marks.

Pa. number	Characteristics	Historical Significance
p.73, Demarco	"What's a cool secret police force name? I know! the OVRA"	Mussolini establish the OVRA, a secret police force, in 1927 to harass political opponents. They beat, imprisoned, and forced them from the country.
p.75, Demarco	Picture of the pope saying "We will have Fascism"	In 1929 the Roman Catholic Church signed the Lateran Pacts with Mussolini's gov't. This gave the impression that Mussolini's reign of terror was supported by god.
p.77, Demarco	Pic of Mussolini with caption "Hitler can't touch this"	In 1934, Mussolini reacted to Hitler's threat to invade Austria by sending 3 tank divisions to fight him. This conflict originated when Hitler had the Austrian chancellor Dollfus murdered.
p.150, Hawarth	"I don't always send troops to support Fascists, but when I do they aren't Fascists"	Mussolini sent troops, in 1934 to aid Francisco Franco with his Spanish revolution being he was a Fascist. He was not Fascist, but simply a narrow-minded conservative.
p.77, Demarco	Mussolini leading army "I don't always invade poor African nations, but when I do I run them over with my tanks"	1935, Mussolini decided to invade the only independent state in Africa - Abyssinia. He wanted to restore Italy to its former glory - The Roman Empire.
p.152, Hawarth	Mussolini + Hitler "OMG dude I love your newtackae"	Mussolini's growing interest in conquering the mediterranean drew him closer to Hitler as he needed support to oppose Britain and France. 1936 he signed an "axis" with Hitler, an alliance but not a firm one.

Page number & Text used	Characteristic/What they Will say or do in video and the Historical data	Historical Significance/ How it helps readers better Understand history
le: P. 149, Horizons Text	The Narrator will say about George Simpson: "He can travel across Canada in a single Canoe in under two months and hit every HBC fort in Canada."	This shows that George Simpson was a strong and very driven Character who was able to travel long distances due to his work-a-holic nature, which showed his dedication to the job as the head of the HBC in Canada.
p.67, Demarco	Picture of child stabbing another child with caption "I don't always stab other children. But when I do, I use a penknife"	This depicts Mussolini's restless and violent nature, traits that come to define him during his ruthless dictatorship.
p.68, Demarco	"I don't always unite soldiers, but when I do I make sure they are unruly and violent"	Mussolini started his fascist party by recruiting angry former soldiers who were disappointed, as he was, with the result of the war and the new gov't.
p.68, Demarco	Picture of Baseball bat; caption saying "I don't always club people to death, my combat squad does"	Mussolini set his combat squads out to scare the people, giving him power. Attacks in 1921 resulted in 207 deaths.
p.70, Demarco	"when I march on Rome, the King doesn't stop me, he puts me in charge"	Mussolini threatened to march on Rome to seize power in 1922. Victor Emmanuel, a weak King, feared civil war so he made Mussolini Prime Minister to avoid conflict.
p.70, Demarco	"I don't always set up a dictatorship but when I do, I pass the Acerbo Law first"	In 1923, Mussolini passed the Acerbo Law, which gave the party with the most votes a 2/3 majority gov't. Blackshirts attacked opposition, making them look weak and Fascists won 65% of the votes.
p.46, Hawarth	Pic of Mussolini with women with caption saying "I don't always occupy Greek Islands, but when I do it's because I loove Greek beaches"	In 1923, five Italian officers were shot by Greeks on the Greek border, sparking Mussolini into attacking and occupying the Greek Island of Corfu.
p.71, Demarco	"I don't always assassinate opposition leaders, but when I do the people are angry and I set up a dictatorship to shut them up"	The socialist leader Matteotti was assassinated in 1924 which gave Mussolini a dilemma. He could take responsibility and show what Fascism really stood for or hesitate and be overthrown by his own radicals. As his support declined, he quickly set up a dictatorship to ensure his power.
p.75, Demarco	"I don't like newspapers, so I'm gonna burn some and force others to write what I want"	One of Mussolini's first objectives was to make freedom of press disappear and burn the papers he hated (the Avanti, socialist paper Mussolini worked for) - 1925
p.74, Demarco	"I don't always increase agricultural production but when I do I have a 'battle for wheat'"	One of Mussolini's main aims was to become a self-sufficient state. He launched a "battle for wheat" to expand wheat production. In 10 years after 1925 imports decreased by 75%.
p.53, Hawarth	"I don't always suppress anti-Fascist parties, but when I do I abolish trade unions as well"	In 1926 to assert his ultimate power, Mussolini suppressed anti-Fascist parties and abolished trade unions.



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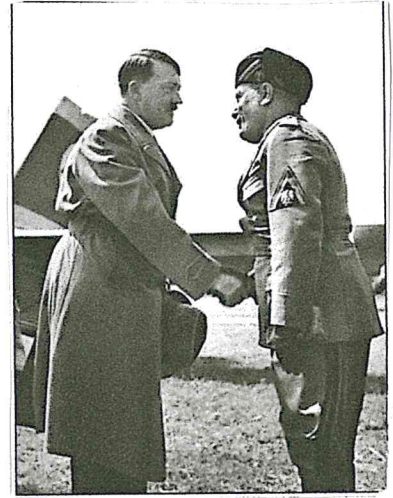


"I don't always club people to death, but my combat squad does"



"I don't always assassinate opposition leaders, but when I do the people get upset and I set up a dictatorship to shut them up"

Mussolini in thought:
"What is a cool, meaningless name for a secret police force? I know! The OVRA"



"I don't always invade poor African nations, but when I do I run them over with my tanks"

"I don't always stab other children, but when I do, I use a penknife"

"I don't always set up a dictatorship, but when I do, I move cautiously and pass the Acerbo law first"

"I don't always increase agricultural production, but when I do I have a 'battle for wheat'"

"Hitler can't touch this"

Childhood | 1919 | 1921 | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 | 1925 | 1926 | 1927 | 1929 | 1934 | 1935 | 1936

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"I don't always occupy Greek Islands, but when I do it's because I love their beaches"

"I don't always suppress anti-Fascist parties, but when I do I destroy trade unions as well"

"I don't always send troops to aid Fascists, but when I do, they aren't Fascists"

"When he marches on Rome, the King doesn't stop him, he puts him in charge"

"I don't like newspapers, so I will destroy most of them and force the rest to write what I want"

"We will have FASCISM"



"OMG Adolf, I love your moustache"