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1883

Benito Mussolini (1883-1945), was born.

1919

Benito Mussolini forms the Fascist movement in Milan Italy.

1922

Benito Mussolini (Il Duce) becomes premier of Italy.

1922

Mussolini forms a cabinet in Italy.

1922

Mussolini marches on Rome.

1923

The Fascist Voluntary Militia forms in Italy under Mussolini.

10 Jun 1924

Socialist Giacomo Matteotti disappears from Rome and the Italian parliament after speaking against Benito Mussolini and his fascists. His body was found in a shallow grave three days later.

1924

Mussolini disallows all non-fascist work unions.

1924

The Mussolini government exchanges diplomats with the USSR.

1925

Mussolini dissolves Italian parliament/becomes dictator

1928

Mussolini ends woman's rights in Italy.

1928

Mussolini modifies Italy electoral system (abolishes right to choose)



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1932

'Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica', the world's first film festival, is inaugurated by Mussolini at the Lido in Venice.

1934

Dollfuss, Mussolini & Gömbös sign Donau Pact (protocols of Rome)

1935

Ezra Pound meets Mussolini, reads from a draft of "Cantos"

1936

Mussolini describes alliance between Italy & Germany as an "axis"

10 Jun 1940

Mussolini joins Hitler in Germany's war and Italy declares war against France & Britain

1940

Adolph Hitler & Benito Mussolini confer at Brenner Pass in the Alps

26 Jul 1943

Italian leader Mussolini resigns and is arrested

28 Apr 1945

Mussolini is captured and hanged by Italian partisans.