# Unit Y220: Italy 1896–1943

Note: Based on 2x 50 minute lessons per week

Terms based on 6 term year.

| **Key Topic** | **Term** | **Week Number** | **Indicative Content** | **Extended Content** | **Resources** |
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| **Italy 1896–1915** | 1 | 1 | Italy in 1896;  | * Legacy of unification
* Attempts to create an Italian identity
 | * *Access to History: Italy: The rise of Fascism 1896-1946*, Robson, Hodder
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| 1 | 1-2 | political, social and economic problems, including the legacy of Trasformismo;  | * The political system and problems (including suffrage), including the constitution
* Political manoeuvring (Trasformismo)
* Corruption
* Economic and Social developments and problems, including high debt and high taxes on poor and North-South divide and role of the Mafia
* The impact of the Catholic Church
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| 1 | 3 | industrial growth and its consequence, violence and strikes;  | * Industrial growth
* North-South divide – increased by northern industrialisation
* Frequent unrest including Fasci Siciliani
* Peasant unrest in the south – 1892-1894
* 1898 – strike and riots in North
* 1900 – anarchists assassinated King Umberto
* Moves to set up more authoritarian government
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|  | 1 | 4 | Giolitti’s ministries;  | * Problems facing Giolitti
* Opposition groups – Socialists, Nationalists, Futurists
* Reforms made and their impact
* Continuing policy of Trasformismo
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| 1 | 4 | colonial conflicts, including the war in Abyssinia and the Tripoli campaign;  | * Defeat in Abyssinia and its consequences
* Participation in Eight Nation Alliance during Boxer Rebellion
* 1911 war with Ottomans
* Occupation of Libya and consequences for Liberal Italy
* The issue of Italia Irredenta (north-east border)
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| 1 | 5 | the challenges caused by irredentism, nationalism and socialism;  | * The Challenge from the socialists – rise of trade unions, the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), Syndicalists, reformers, Minimalists and Maximalists
* Challenge from nationalists – Italian National Association
* Challenge from Italia irredenta (“unredeemed Italy”) and its influence on Italian policy
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| 1 | 5-6 | foreign policy and the growing demand for war by 1915.  | * Tension with Triple Alliance allies following Italo-Turkish war
* Tensions with France following Franco-Prussian War
* Divided support for war – Socialist opposition and nationalist support
* Death of Garibaldi
* Beliefs of Mussolini in joining the war
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| **Italy 1915–1925** | 1 | 6 | Early neutrality and subsequent entry into war; Treaty of London; | * Reasons for neutrality
* Reasons for entry
* Promises made during the treaty of London
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| 1 | 7 | the conduct of war, including the defeat at Caporetto and the victory at Vittorio Veneto;  | * Overview of Italian involvement
* Significance of defeat at Caporetto and subsequent reforms
* Raised expectations and significance after victory of Vittorio Veneto
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| 1-2 | 7-8 | post-war problems including economic problems, industrial and agrarian unrest, political instability; the weaknesses of the post-war governments, the mutilated victory, reactions to the Paris Peace conference and the seizure of Fiume by d’Annunzio; | * Causes of economic and political problems
	+ Unemployment
	+ Growing unrest and discontent
	+ Fear of Socialist revolution
	+ Government / national debt
	+ Inflation
	+ Discredited parliamentary system
	+ Factory occupations
	+ Land occupations
	+ Socialist power in the agricultural economy
	+ Growth of Fascism
* Weaknesses of liberal governments
* Failure of PSI and PPR to co-operate and the growth of the Socialist party (PSI)
* Return to Trasformismo style politics
* Pre-War promises made to Italy
* Impact of Wilson’s 14 points and the lack of territory gained following war – the mutilated victory
* Events and consequences of d’Annunzio’s seizure and rule of Fiume
* 1919 elections
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| 2 | 9 | the career of Mussolini; | * Early experiences and career as a journalist and socialist
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| 2 | 10 | the ideas, appeal and support of Fascism; | * His view on Italy
* Aims and political evolution
* Development of Fascism and why Mussolini set it up
* Nature and growing support of Fascism.
* Fascist programmes, 1919 and 1921
* Growth of violence
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| 2 | 10 | electoral pact 1921 and the March on Rome;  | * Electoral pact and consequences
* Growth of Fascist power and influence
* The telegram of October 1922
* Background to the March on Rome
* Events and consequences of the March
* Mussolini gains power
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| 2 | 11-12 | the transition of Mussolini from prime minister to Duce; the Acerbo law | * Mussolini’s position in November 1922 – problems he faced and barriers to complete control
* Consolidation of power
* The significance of the Acerbo law and the subsequent election.
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| 2 | 12 | the murder of Matteotti.  | * Reasons for Matteotti’s murder
* Consequences for Mussolini
* Mussolini’s response and subsequent laws introduced to increase his power and finalise his consolidation
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| ***Fascist Italy* 1925–1943** | 2 | 13 | The Corporate State in theory and practice; | * Ideals behind Corporate state
* Establishment and powers of the Corporate state and realities of the system
* Nature and role of fascist party
* Fascist institutions
* Traditional institutions
* Repression of others to secure power
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| 2 | 14 | propaganda and the image of the Duce;  | * The image of the Duce and use of propaganda to support
* The Mussolini myth / how he was portrayed
* The realities of Mussolini’s power
* Links to Ancient Rome
* Key instruments of propaganda
* Use of culture for propaganda purposes
* How propaganda was used to strengthen his regime
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| 3 | 15 | relations with the church;  | * Improving relations with the church
* The Concordat and its significance
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| 3 | 16-17 | economic policy: the revaluation of the lira, agrarian policy; industrial policy; public works, including railways and roads; | * Early economic policies and appointment of de Stefani and initial liberal policies
* Post 1925 policies, including Confindustria
* Economic battles:
	+ Battle for the Lira
	+ Battle for Grain
	+ Battle of the Marshes
* Policy of self-sufficiency
* Impact of Great Depression
* Corporativism in economics
	+ Palazzo Vidoni Pact
	+ Rocco Law
	+ Ministry of Corporations
	+ Breaking of opposition and unions
	+ Charter of Labour
	+ National Council of Corporations
	+ 22 corporations of major economic sectors
* Welfare measures
* Public works
* Industrial policies
* Measures to address living standards
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| 3 | 18-19 | social policy: education and youth policy, sport, *Dopolavoro*, policies concerning women and population;  | * Values to indoctrinate young people
* Use of schools and universities
* Fascist youth movement
* Successes and failures of policies for the youth
* Policies regarding Leisure activities including [Opera Nazionale Dopolavoro](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opera_Nazionale_Dopolavoro)
* Fascist views on women
* Policies towards women including policies regarding births
* Opposition to the regime
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| 4 | 20 | preparations for and domestic impact of war;  | * How Italy prepared for the war and the impact it had on society
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| 4 | 20 | Jewish policy in 1930s.  | * Pre-1935 position
* Adoption of anti-Semitism
* Post-1935 changes in policies and reasons for the decrees
* Effects of anti-Semitic measures
* Significance of measures
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| **Foreign Policy of Mussolini 1922–1943** | 4 | 21 | Aims of foreign policy;  | * Aims of foreign policy
	+ Building national prestige
	+ Increasing domestic support for the regimes
	+ Gaining dominance over the Balkans
	+ Achieving dominance in the Mediterranean
	+ Establishing an empire
	+ Spreading fascism abroad
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| 4 | 21 | Corfu incident;  | * Reasons for the incident and its consequences, including actions of Britain.
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| 4 | 22 | Locarno and Kellogg-Briand Pact;  | * Italy’s role in the two pacts and its significance
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| 4 | 22 | policy towards Britain, France, Austria and Germany including Stresa Front, Abyssinian War;  | * Italian policy towards the other major European powers and the changing nature of policy
* The reaffirmation of Locarno at Stresa and its collapse following Abyssinian invasion
* Reasons for attacking Abyssinia
* Significance and results of the war with Abyssinia (positive and negative)
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| 4 | 23 | Spanish Civil War, Rome-Berlin Axis, Anti-Comintern pact, Munich Conference, Pact of Steel;  | * Reasons why Mussolini intervened
* Effect it had on the country (Italy)
* Growing relations with Germany and the ‘makeweight’ policy
* Development of the Axis
* Impact of the Munich conference
* Pact of Steel and its consequences
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| 4 | 23 | Albania;  | * Invasion and conquest of Albania and its significance
* Reasons why Italy didn’t enter the War in 1939
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| 4 | 24 | entry into Second World War 1940;  | * Reasons why Italy declared war in 1940
* How Italians reacted
* How Italy performed during the war
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| 4 | 24 | failures in Africa;  | * Italy in Africa and the significance of failures in Africa for Mussolini
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| 4 | 25 | Greece;  | * Attacks of Greece and the significance for Mussolini and his rule
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| 4 | 25 | allied invasion and fall of Mussolini. | * Mussolini’s arrest in 1943
* Armistice signed – September 1943
* Rescue by Germany and installation as leader of Salo Republic in Northern Italy
* Reasons why Mussolini’s regime lost the war and collapsed
* Death of Mussolini
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