



Key Vocabulary

Liberal	Believing and allowing a lot of personal and business freedom.
Instability	Uncertainty caused by sudden change.
Fascism	Political system based on a very powerful leader, being extremely proud of country and race, with no opposition allowed.
Dictatorship	A country ruled by a dictator (unelected leader with complete power).
Democracy	A system of government based in freedom and equality between people, with elected representatives.
Policy	A set of ideas or a plan of what to do that has been agreed by a group of people.
Collapse	To become unable to continue or work correctly.
Ideology	A set of beliefs or principles.
Limitations	Reducing the effectiveness of something.
Tensions	A feeling of fear, anger or mistrust between groups.
Significance	The importance of something.

Key Skills

Over the course of the topic, I will be able to: -

Analyse and explain the extent and nature of the profound political, economic and social changes experienced by the Italian people in the years c1911-1946.

Analyse and explain how the failure to create a stable, democratic Italian state in the early twentieth century led to the rise of a new political ideology and a personal dictatorship.

Analyse and evaluate contemporary source material related to the key topics.

Retrieve knowledge to form verbal and written arguments related to the key topics.

Compose effective responses to essay questions.



I will understand

Topic 1. The liberal state, c1911-18 - The reasons for, and extent of, political instability in the liberal state in the years 1911-18.

Topic 2. The rise of Mussolini and the creation of a fascist dictatorship, 1919-26 - The years of the final collapse of the liberal state, the development of Italian fascism, and the process of, and reasons for, Mussolini's rise to power as a fascist dictator.

Topic 3. The fascist state, 1925-40 - The methods and policies used by Mussolini to create a fascist state in the years before Italy's entry into the Second World War.

Topic 4. Challenges to, and the fall of, the fascist state, c1935-46 - The events which led to the fall of fascism and the restoration of democracy.