**Mussolini Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Rise of Fascism Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-10/year-10-mussolini-reading/)

1. When was Benito Mussolini born?
2. What was Mussolini's father's occupation and political affiliation?
3. What was Mussolini's reputation as a child?
4. Why was Mussolini expelled from school twice?
5. What kind of jobs did Mussolini work in Switzerland?
6. What was Mussolini's role in the Italian Socialist newspaper Avanti?
7. What was the name of the political group that Mussolini formed in 1919?
8. What were the paramilitary units organised by Mussolini called and what was their uniform?
9. What tactics did the Blackshirts use to suppress other political parties?
10. Which part of Italy did the Fascist Party control by September of 1922?
11. What did Mussolini threaten to do if the Italian government did not shut down the strike?
12. What did Mussolini propose at the Fascist Party meeting on October 24th, 1922?
13. When was Mussolini declared the Prime Minister of Italy?
14. What did Mussolini declare himself after becoming the leader of the new government?
15. What did Mussolini formally declare himself on January 3, 1925?
16. What was Mussolini's goal for Italy after becoming the dictator?
17. Which African country did Mussolini invade in October 1935?
18. Which country supported Mussolini's new Fascist government?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*To what degree was Mussolini a successful military leader?*