

# Italian Carlton

*School-based Activity*

## History

In Italy at this time, Benito Mussolini first became the leader of the fascist party and then took over the state with the support of the military with the 'March on Rome' (28 October 1922). King Vittorio Emanuele III of Savoia, decided to hand over the position as Prime Minister to Mussolini to avoid bloodshed.

The fascist government tended to make the State pre-eminent in all aspects of political, social and private life and work with a total rejection of all ideology of social class (especially socialism) while legitimizing of the use of violence as an instrument used to control the population. Those openly opposed to the fascist government were persecuted. Many of these anti-fascists looked to Australia as a safe haven.



An antifascist propaganda poster, circa 1938

Who is represented by the man dressed in black?

How is Italy represented in this cartoon?

Look at the poster of the soldier and the blacksmith shaking hands.

What does the slogan mean?

What values are represented in this poster?

During which period of Italian history would these values have been important to the Italian government?

