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P. 67 Demarco	One of Mussolini's posts will read 'I love my father with all my heart! I try to be a good socialist, and he gives me no love! I hate this, and I hate school too! I keep stabbing people and getting kicked out'	Mussolini was a troubled child, and this played a part in his cruel nature as he grew up. It also shows that he was a socialist growing up
P. 67 Demarco	One of Mussolini's posts is: 'We should never have entered this great war. We were promised riches, and we were given rags. We lost 500,000 hard-working men in a battle that was never ours. I can't continue to sit back and observe as our glorious nation crumbles around me! Enough I say, I will make Italy great!'	Shows that Mussolini, like many Italians, were unhappy with the results of WW1. They were promised more land than they ended up with after the TOV was signed.
P. 68 Demarco	Mussolini posts the following: 'Today marks the beginning of a new era of the Italian government! We shall destroy all communists and rid the world of that plague. We shall always put Italy first, and one day, we shall restore the power of the Roman Empire! I will become our leader, they will call me Il Duce!'	This is the beginning of Mussolini's quest for power. He sets up his Fascist party in 1919 and soon after established his Blackshirts.
P. 69 Demarco	Mussolini posts about his plan to march on Rome	Mussolini made it clear that he and thousands of Blackshirts were ready to march on Rome and seize power if necessary.
P. 70 Demarco	The Italian Parliament makes a post urging the King to allow special powers for the time of crisis.	Mussolini's threat was being taken as very serious, and the Italian government was willing to go to great lengths to stop it

P. 70 Demarco	King Emmanuel III posts about how he cannot allow for a civil war and will therefore allow Mussolini to form government.	This was the first significant bit of power that was granted to Mussolini. And he had every intention to run with it.
P. 71 Demarco	Mussolini posts about how he has passed the Acerbo Law	This gave the Fascists a tremendous amount of power in what was previously a coalition government.
P. 72 Demarco	The Italian News posts about Matteoti's tragic death in Rome.	This was the beginning of Mussolini taking out his opposition. It wasn't long after that he eliminated all political opposition from power.
P. 73 Demarco	Mussolini posts about him removing all personal freedoms.	Mussolini removed freedom of speech, press and arbitrary arrest, turning Italy into a totalitarian state. He also established the OVRA, his own personal secret police, to ensure that no one was breaking his rules.
P. 75 Demarco	Mussolini posts about the Lateran Treaty of 1929	One of Mussolini's last threats was that lots of people still had more faith in the Catholic Church than they had in him. So with this deal, he turned Italy into a far more Catholic nation, winning favor with both the Church and its supporters.

BIG IDEA THESIS: Mussolini was an opportunist. He saw where Italy's weaknesses were, and he exploited them. He united people against common enemies, and when he saw fit, he took out his opponents. He also struck deals to give him more power when his foes were at their weakest.