Webquest: The Rise of Benito Mussolini and Fascism in Italy during the Interwar Era

**Directions: Use the website below to answer the first 6 questions.**

<http://www.notablebiographies.com/Mo-Ni/Mussolini-Benito.html>

Early Life and Career

1. Briefly describe Mussolini’s background. (where was he from, what social class, what were his early beliefs?)

FROM SOCIALIST TO FASCIST

1. What was Mussolini’s newspaper about?
2. How did Mussolini become part of the gov’t?
3. Identity the four groups of Italians that supported Mussolini and the Fascists:

FASCIST STATE

1. What kind of power did Mussolini have as head of the Italian state?
2. Give 3 reasons why you could say Mussolini was similar to the absolute monarchs we studied earlier in the year.

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**Directions: Use the following website to answer the questions below:**

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/fascism>

1. What is Fascism?
2. Explain how a Fascist would feel about our gov’t in America?
3. How was Fascism different than Communism?