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The Making of a Roman Emperor

Rival Augustuses: Mussolini and Syme

Key Dates:

1861-1922	Liberal Democracy in Italy (evolving slowly)
1914-18	World War I
1919	Mussolini forms the <i>Fasci Italiani di Combattimento</i> (March 23)
1921	Mussolini forms the PNF (National Fascist Party) (Nov. 7)
1922	Fascist March on Rome 'Restoration of the Fasces' Mussolini prime minister
1925	Mussolini made 'Head of Government' – <i>Il Duce</i>
1928	Parties other than the PNF outlawed Parliamentary elections abolished
1930	Bimillenary of Virgil's birth
1936-41	Empire of Italian East Africa
1937-38	Bimillenary of Augustus' birth
1939-45	World War II
1939	R. Syme publishes <i>The Roman Revolution</i>
1940	Italy enters World War II (June 10)
1943	Mussolini arrested (July) Mussolini rescued by German paratroopers Short-lived Social Republic in north Italy
1945	Mussolini killed and strung up in Milan (April)

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