

## **The significance of the Matteotti crisis**

This question, like the question of who was responsible for the Reichstag fire in Germany in 1933, and whether Stalin ordered the assassination of Kirov in 1934, has intrigued many historians.

In reality, the results of the Matteotti murder were far more important than the question of Mussolini's involvement. However, if Mussolini did order the murder, it could be used as evidence for those who question his political judgement.

**The Matteotti crisis marked the turning point of Mussolini's regime. Until 1925 his ministry had appeared as just a stronger form of constitutional government. Mussolini eventually used the Matteotti crisis to set up a dictatorship, under which liberal freedoms and safeguards were replaced by a system concentrated on the power of one man.**

After reading the Chapter in Hite and Hinton I will use this temporary “**Research Question**”

**“How could Benito Mussolini politically survive the Matteotti Crisis 1925?”**