

# Life in Nazi Germany 1933-9

## Young people in Nazi Germany



Flag of the Hitler Youth

1 Using the information from the worksheet, copy and complete the following paragraph:

Hitler took great trouble to make sure young people were \_\_\_\_\_ to him and the Nazi party. It is easy to see why Hitler placed such importance on the young - they were the \_\_\_\_\_ of his policies. If he could convince all the \_\_\_\_\_ of Germany, he would have enormous support. In the 1930s \_\_\_\_\_ were impressionable - this means that they were \_\_\_\_\_ by their teachers. If Hitler controlled what was taught, he thought he could control what young people believed. Hitler \_\_\_\_\_ every aspect of life for children - they were always \_\_\_\_\_ about the Nazi way of life.

THE WORDS YOU NEED ARE IN THE BOX BELOW - BUT THERE ARE ALSO FIVE INCORRECT WORDS

hated	old	influenced	loyal	enjoyed	future
schoolchildren	young	convince	loved	manipulated	educated

2 Read the section on 'Education' and answer the questions below in FULL SENTENCES:

- Why were school textbooks rewritten?
- What does 'indoctrinate' mean?
- How did the Nazis distort History at school?
- What did all teachers have to be members of?
- Why do you think the Nazis forced teachers to attend compulsory training?

3 Read the example maths question. Using the list on the right, complete the sentences below:

The maths problem is wrong for a number of reasons. It puts across an \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_message. It is meant to be a maths question but it talks about \_\_\_\_\_ Jews. It also puts across a military \_\_\_\_\_. There is no \_\_\_\_ to mention bombing, killing or crusades- it is meant to be a simple maths question!

anti-Jewish

maths

bombing

message

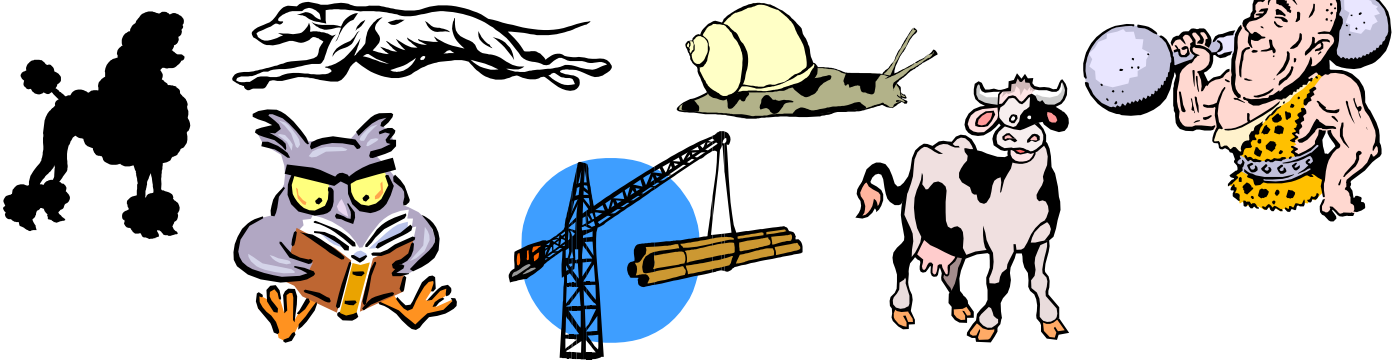
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4 Put the title 'the Hitler Youth' and copy the table into your book.

5 What did all five Hitler Youth organisations teach youngsters?

[second side of the worksheet]

- 6 In source B, Hitler states that he wants young men and women who can suffer pain. What does he say a young German must be like?
- 7 Using the images below - or your own ideas - draw a picture to show what Hitler wanted a young German to be like. Make sure you label your drawings.



- 8 Put a title - Activities offered in the Hitler Youth Movement.  
Write out a list of things that those involved in the Hitler Youth could do. Look carefully - you need to find nine different activities [Look above and in Source C]
- 9 Not many young people joined the Hitler Youth because they felt loyalty to the Führer - why do you think so many people joined?
- 10 a) What was a performance book for?  
b) Sketch a copy of the performance book from your worksheet.  
c) What happened to those who had the best performance books?

## EXTENSION WORK

- Imagine you have been sent to an Order Castle. Using the information from the second to last paragraph, explain what life was like. Write a brief diary of what you did over one week.  
you could mention:
  - What often happened at night.
  - The war games - what was special?
  - Washing facilities.
  - Why you were so keen to be there. (think about what you are being trained to be)
- Using all your previous work together with your worksheet, create a guide for young Germans in the 1930s. You have been asked to design a guide to encourage youngsters to join the Hitler Youth.