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Life in Nazi Germany 1933-9

Young people in Nazi Germany

Flag of the Hitler Youth

❶ Using the first two paragraphs, explain why Hitler placed importance on the young of Germany.

Education

❷ How were schools changed by the Nazis?
❸ What was done to make sure teachers followed Nazi policy?
❹ How does the maths question in Source A reflect Nazi ideas (you should identify two ways)?
❺ Rewrite the maths question so it does not indoctrinate children.

Hitler Youth

❶ What was the Hitler Youth?
❷ Create your own table showing the five organisations of the Hitler Youth.
❸ Using your own words, explain Hitler's aims for the Hitler Youth (see source B).
❹ Why do you think Hitler had these aims?
❺ How seriously was the Hitler Youth taken by those involved?
❻ Using source C, explain what made the Hitler Youth appealing to children.
❼ How does Marianne's description (source C) differ from Hitler's reasons for taking care over young people?
❽ What was the performance book?

Using your knowledge

❶ Imagine you have been chosen to go to an 'Order Castle'. Write an account of a week explaining what you did and what happened to your colleagues.

Make sure you include:

- Nightly activities
- Exercise: when? how difficult?
- Washing facilities
- Being stretched to the limit of your endurance.
- Your ideas why you are going through such an ordeal.

It could be a diary, a letter or even written as your memoirs. Make sure you cover everything about the Order Castles!

❷ Using all your previous work, try to explain why a modern historian wrote:

"The Nazis indoctrinated the children - all aspects of their life were controlled by the Nazis. Children were carefully groomed to become perfect Nazis."

You need to write at least three detailed paragraphs explaining your ideas, backed up with evidence from your previous work. Try to explain the words that the historian has chosen to describe the Nazi policy.