

Year 8 Half Term 4
Knowledge Organiser
Life under Hitler

Key Vocabulary	Meaning
Adolf Hitler	The man who led Germany from 1933 - 1945
Hitler Youth	Groups for the young people in Germany. Girls learned to be mothers and boys learned to be soldiers.
Propaganda	A method of putting across your point of view. The Nazis used posters, newspapers, the radio, big rallies and marches and film.
'Work and Bread'	Hitler promised the German people that he would provide them with 'work and bread' which meant jobs and money to buy food.
Joseph Goebbels	The man in charge of propaganda in Nazi Germany
Rearmament	Increasing the size of the Army. Germany was not allowed more than 100,000 men in their army after Versailles. When Hitler increased this number it was known as 'rearmament'.
Unemployment	When people do not have jobs.

How did Hitler impact on the lives of women?

Women were believed to be very important because they were going to be the mothers of the next generation of Nazis.

Mothers were celebrated for having more children. They were given a bronze medal for having 4 children, a silver medal for having six and a gold medal for having 8 children!

Women were also told that they did not have to go to work anymore and that it was more important for them to have children.

The Nazis made the 'three Ks' very important. These were children, church and cooking (they are called the three Ks because the German words all begin with K).

Hitler and young people

Hitler believed that in order to keep Germany a strong Nazi nation for over 1000 years he needed to get the children on side and make them believe in the Nazi values from a very early age.

He did this by changing their schools and social clubs. At school they were only taught by Nazi teachers. In their social time they would join the Hitler Youth and learn Nazi ideas through songs, speeches and fun activities (including hiking and camping). They would also be given a uniform and made to feel very important.

Boys	Girls	School
Trained to be the future soldiers and Nazi leaders	Trained to be mothers and to raise children	- Hitler changed what students would learn
- Would learn to shoot guns - Would learn to march - Would sing Nazi songs - Did a lot of sport	- Would learn how to look after a house and children - Would sing Nazi songs - Did a lot of sport	- Every classroom would have a picture of Hitler hanging in it - Rewrote the textbooks to suit the Nazis

Workers in Germany

Hitler believed that a strong country needed to be built with strong workers and be able to make themselves self sufficient (able to survive by themselves). Hitler therefore tried to encourage workers to work hard.

Strength through Joy

Workers could earn rewards through working hard

- Cinema trips
- Theatre trips
- Chance to buy cars

Beauty of Labour

Improved working conditions for workers

- Canteens for workers to eat at
- Swimming pools at some work places
- Limits on the noise that could be made