

History: Third Year

TASK	A diary extract from a woman in Nazi Germany	
TOPIC	Understanding the modern world International History in the 20 th Century Nazi Germany	
LEARNING INTENTION	Pupils will gain a deeper understanding of life in Nazi Germany from an in-depth study of women's roles in Nazi society.	
TASK DESCRIPTION	<p><i>To describe in detail, in diary form, the lifestyle of a woman in Nazi Germany.</i></p> <p>Having completed a class discussion based on primary and secondary sources on women in Nazi Germany, the pupils were given this task as homework, to be completed by the next class. The criteria for success were discussed and agreed upon in class.</p>	
CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS	<p>Students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identify the role of women in Nazi society and ▪ discuss the changes that have taken place in the lifestyle of women as a result of Hitler's rule 	
WORK SAMPLES	HIGH SUCCESS	MEDIUM SUCCESS
	Noah	Paula

Diary entry for a woman in Nazi Germany

Dear Diary,

Today was a remarkable day, with everything that happened. I received a gold medal for having eight children to account for in my family. This is my third medal to receive now for this reason.^A Today was also the day we paid off the final debt of the loan. Since having Olga recently, Heinrich and I only had to pay a total of 550 marks, thanks to Hitler. He is a great and generous man, whom we are lucky to have as our leader.^B My young Ernst is now a member of 'Hitler youth', since turning fourteen.

Also note, Helga Himmler is a disgrace to Germany, I saw her in the centre of public eye,^C Smoking!! I hope it does not ruin people's image of me, being a Past friend!

'Heil Hitler'^D

Feedback for Paula	
A.	Moderate understanding of the task. You have shown some initiative in your account of a woman's role in Nazi Germany. e.g. numerous childbirths.
B.	You could explain the payments you mentioned and why you believe that Hitler was a generous and great man and how that relates to your lifestyle.
C.	You could discuss why it was looked down upon for women in Nazi Germany to be smoking.
D.	Paula, to improve on this task you need to focus more on the criteria or success we discussed in class. You could include information on the changes that took place to their lifestyle with regard to work, appearance and education.

Commentary for teachers	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupil has identified the role of women in Nazi Germany through her discussion of the awarding of medals for numerous childbirths etc. in a limited manner. ▪ A limited description is given of changes in the lifestyle of women in Nazi Germany. Reference is made to her son being a member of the "Hitler Youth" and the fact that it was considered wrong for a woman to be smoking in public. However, more details could be explored especially in relation to women's rights to work outside the home. ▪ Overall, a moderate grasp of the task. The student has not focused on the criteria for success and this has reduced the quality of her diary entry.

A Woman in Nazi Germany

Dear Diary,

As I went to pay a small repayment of my marriage loans today I was told that I have very old-fashioned views because of my outfits. I wear peasant dresses, flat shoes and generally my hair would be in a bun or in plaits.

I wanted to apply for politics but us woman aren't allowed to have senior positions. **A**

My daughters went to their everyday organisations today. This is a place where they are only taught two things: to take care of their bodies so they can have as many children as the state needs and to be loyal to National Socialism. I have been told that I will be removed from my job as a lawyer. This will be a huge money loss to my family. **A**

Unfortunately not all women like my sister Margaret can get married, as there is a large lack of men. She will also lose out on the huge marriage loans. These are given to contracting parties who can borrow these sums from the government and are to be repaid slowly or to be cancelled entirely upon the birth of enough children.

We are always hearing Hitler and the Nazis complaining about people not having space, yet he tells us to have more kids.

It's very unfair; us women are deprived of all rights except that of childbirth and hard labour. We aren't permitted to participate in political life; in-fact Hitler's plans eventually include the **A** deprivation of the vote.

Here are the ten important rules to be observed when considering a husband:

- Remember you are a German.
- Remain pure in mind and spirit!
- Keep your body pure!
- If hereditarily fit, do not remain single!
- B** • Marry only for love.
- Being a German, only choose a spouse or similar or related blood!
- When choosing your spouse, inquire into his or her forebears!
- Health is essential to outward beauty as well!
- Seek a companion in marriage, not a playmate.
- Hope for as many children as possible! Your duty is to produce at least four offspring in order to ensure the future of the national stock. **C**

Feedback for Noah	
A.	You show a thorough knowledge of a woman's role in Hitler's Germany and the changes that have occurred as a result of Hitler's rule – in the areas of work, a woman's appearance, education, and children.
B.	You have shown great initiative in your extra research and I especially like your "10 Rules for Getting a Husband".
C.	You have shown an excellent understanding of this task Noah and have met the criteria for success. Keep up the great work!

Commentary for teachers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pupil has identified the role of women in Nazi Germany through her discussion of the "marriage loans" ▪ A detailed description is given of the many changes that took place in Nazi Germany under Hitler's rule. The pupil has referred to the fact that she will lose her job "as a lawyer" etc. Details are given as to the changed appearance of women "peasant dress, flat shoes and...hair in a bun" ▪ Overall, a very good grasp of the task. Both of the criteria have been met and explored in great detail. The diary has been greatly enhanced by evidence of independent learning and creativity. Excellent detail is provided. 	