

Knowledge Organiser: Unit 3, Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918 – 39.

Part 4: Life in Nazi Germany 1933 – 39.

Summary.

The lives of German citizens were changed after Hitler's appointment as Chancellor. His policies targeted both women and the young as well as employment and living standards. Minority groups were targeted to achieve the Aryan race. For some, life was better under the Nazis but for others, it was much worse.

Key events.

1	1933 Boycott of Jewish shops and businesses. Law for the Encouragement of marriage and sterilisation passed.
2	1935 Nuremburg Laws passed. Conscription introduced.
3	1936 Membership of the Hitler Youth made compulsory.
4	1936 Olympic Games held in Berlin.
5	1938 Jewish children no longer allowed to attend German schools. Krystallnacht Lebensborn Programme
6	1939 Euthanasia Programme Designated Jewish ghettos set up.

Key terms.

Anti-Semitism —Persecution of the Jews grew continuously after 1933.
Young —The Nazis placed much emphasis on controlling the young as only then could they secure a 'thousand year Reich'. Youth organisations and education indoctrinated the German youth.
Women —The Nazis had traditional family values but even these were tested by the needs of war and the desire to ensure a growing Aryan population.
Living Standards —The Nazis did reduce unemployment but they did this by banning Jews and women from the workplace and by putting Germany on a war footing. Workers had limited rights.

Key words

Autobahn	Motorway
Autarky	Self sufficiency
Beauty of Labour	Government action to improve working conditions
Eintopf	One pot dish
Emigration	To leave your country to settle in another.
Ghetto	Walled off area of a city inhabited by an ethnic group.
Herrenvolk	Master race of Aryans
Invisible unemployment	Nazi unemployment figures do not include women, Jews, opponents or unmarried men under 25.
Kinder, Kirche, Kirche	Children, Kitchen, Church. Nazi ideal of womanhood.
Krystallnacht	'Night of Broken Glass'. Nazi organised attack on the Jewish community. Seen as a green light to the escalation of violence against them.
Lebensborn	Unmarried Aryan women impregnated by SS men.
Lebensraum	Expansion of land
Motherhood Cross	Award given to women depending on how many children they had.
Napola	New schools designed to train the future leaders of Germany.
Nazi teachers League	All teachers had to swear an oath of loyalty to Hitler.
Nuremburg Laws	Definition of the Jew for the first time. Jews stripped of their citizenship rights and forbidden to marry non-Jews.
Rearmament	Building of the armed forces in preparation for war.
Reich labour Service	RAD. Scheme to provide manual labour (work) for unemployed men under 25
Strength Through Joy	Government attempt to provide leisure opportunities for workers'.
Volksgemeinschaft	People's community (Nazi)
Volkswagon	Peoples' car

Concept: Interpretation