

Chapter 5: Nazi economic, social and racial policy.

Title: Nazi Policies towards women: Marriage and Family.

Task 3 pages 52-54

Aryan =	Nazi term for a non-Jewish German, someone of supposedly 'pure' German stock.
Birth rate =	The number of babies born.
Law for the Encouragement of Marriage =	Gave newlywed couples a loan of 1,000 marks, and allowed them to keep 250 marks for each child they had.
Lebensborn = (Life Springs)	A Nazi programme (meaning Fountain of Life) which aimed to create a strong Aryan 'master race'. It encouraged unmarried mothers and single women to birth children with SS members. The Nazis established several 'birthing homes' where this could take place secretly.
Three Ks'	Hitler believed women's lives should revolve around the three 'Ks': Kinder, Küche, Kirche (Children, Kitchen, Church). The Nazis expected women to stay at home, look after the family and produce children in order to secure the future of the Aryan race.

The Nazis desperately wanted to improve the birth rate to secure Germany's future generations as true Aryans.

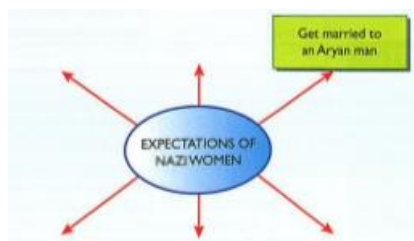
A.) Read the bullet point text on page 52 and describe how the Nazis overcame the problem of low birth rates.

- Marriage Laws =
- Loans for families =
- Medals/Mother Cross =
- Divorce =
- Donate a baby =
- Germans Women's Enterprise =

B.) Overview <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2932p3/revision/5>

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C.) Design a mind map to show the expectations of German women in Nazi Germany.



Include, marriage, appearance, employment.

D.) Practice Question.

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(C+A+IA+HC+E) x2

J

C = Content

A = Author

IA = Intended Audience

HC = Historical Context

E = Example

J = Judgement

Interpretation 1:

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Interpretation 2:

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Teacher verbal explanation:

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Step 2

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The Second interpretation, Source P supports/does not support the view because....

Its content talks about...

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In addition.....

Overall judgement...

E. Self assessment.

Using 6 different coloured pens or the highlighting tool on word, identify where you have provided information for **(C+A+IA+HC+E) x2**

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