

Grade 9 Answer

Interpretation Differences

4/4
Marks

Question:

How does Interpretation B differ from Interpretation A about the experiences of young people living in Nazi Germany? Explain your answer based on what it says in Interpretations A and B. (4 marks)

Answer:

Interpretation A focuses on the negative experiences of youth in Nazi Germany, writing that young girls were indoctrinated by the Nazis to prepare for motherhood, and that it was their 'duty to breed'. This suggests that young girls had poor experiences within Nazi Germany, as were pressured into having children at a young age, which often led to illegitimate children. Alternatively, Interpretation B focuses on the positive experiences of youth in Nazi Germany, writing that the young boy was part of Hitler Youth, and wore his uniform with 'intense pride'. This suggests that young boys had a positive experience within Nazi Germany, and the Hitler Youth represented an opportunity to show loyalty to the regime.

Feedback:

This answer would get 4/4 marks because it recognises a difference between the interpretations, and gives a developed analysis of these differences using content from the interpretations.

Interpretation A

From Isle McKee's autobiography 'Tomorrow the World', published in 1960. McKee was a member of the German League of Girls.

We were told from a very early age to prepare for motherhood, as the mother in the eyes of our beloved leader and the National Socialist Government was the most important person in the nation. We were Germany's hope in the future, and it was our duty to breed and rear the new generation of sons and daughter. These lessons soon bore fruit in the shape of quite a few illegitimate small sons and daughters for the Reich, brought forth by teenage members of the League of German Maidens. The girls felt they had done their duty and seemed remarkably unconcerned about the scandal.

Interpretation B

An excerpt from Catrine Clay's book 'Trautmann's Journey: From Hitler Youth to FA Cup Legend' published in 2010. It tells the story of the famous goalkeeper Bert Trautmann's youth.

Bert Trautmann couldn't wait to join the Hitler Youth. His mother, better educated than his father, had her misgivings...But begged by Bert and bombarded with Nazi propaganda, his parents scraped together the money it took to buy the uniform... Bert wore it with intense pride as he stood erect giving the Nazi salute before the swastika banner, hair shorn short back and sides, and spoke the oath: "In the presence of the blood banner, I swear to devote all my powers and my strength to the saviour of our Reich, Adolf Hitler. I am willing and ready to give up my life for him, so help me God.