Guided Reading

“Germany Fights Population Drop” - By Suzanne Daley and Nicholas Kulish

from *The New York Times*, August 13, 2013

1. Use two different colors to highlight the following information as you read:
   1. Color #1: Main ideas, especially problems and solutions related to population
   2. Color #2: Mathematical data relevant to population
2. Fill out the graphic organizer regarding problems and solutions as you read.
3. What is Mayor Voigt trying to hide in Sonneberg, Germany?
4. Write an equation that demonstrates Germany’s projected population decline by 2060.
5. What is a family subsidy? (You may need to look this up.)
6. At what rate of fertility is a population made stable?

7-8. Explain one pro and one con of providing tax breaks to stay-at-home mothers.

1. What problem does Germany encounter with immigrants?
2. Write one paragraph explaining your opinion on the best solution for Germany’s labor shortage. Support your opinion with evidence from the article.

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| **Problems** caused by population decline | Possible **solutions** for problematic implications of population decline |
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