

## Information Text Anne Frank “The Diary of a Young Girl”

“The Diary of a Young Girl” gives you an insight into the daily life of a young Jewish girl growing up in a world where Jews are **p**ersecuted by the Nazis during World War II.

On her thirteenth birthday Anne Frank gets many presents. One of her presents is a diary. She names it “Kitty”. Each entry in her diary starts with “Dear Kitty”. She likes to read books and magazines and dreams of being a writer someday.

In her diary she writes **a**bout her feelings and her experiences and describes the character of the people around her and what it is like for them to live together in hiding for years, fearing for their lives.

She tells **a**bout her conflicts with her mother and sister and is sure that her father is the only one who understands her. A very new experience for Anne is the love that **d**evelops between her and Peter van Daan.

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany on June 12, 1929. Her father, Otto Frank, was a businessman while her mother, Edith, stayed home taking care of their daughters Anne and Margot.

When Anne was only four years old, Otto Frank and **h**is family emigrated to Holland to the city of Amsterdam to **e**scape from the Nazis during World War II. Anne and **h**er family felt safe there once again.

When the Germans **i**nva**d**ed the Netherlands on May 10, 1940 the Franks did not have time to escape. From now on Jews weren't allowed to own businesses, have jobs, go to the movies, use public transport, visit Christians or even sit in their own gardens! They had to wear yellow stars and had to do their shopping between 3 and 5 pm. and were not allowed to go out on the streets between 8 pm and 6 am.

So Otto Frank lost his business and turned it over to some non-Jewish friends. He had already prepared a secret hideout in his former office building. For more than a year he had taken clothes and furniture to friends because he was afraid that their belongings would be seized by the Germans.





When Margot got a call-up notice which meant that she was to be sent to a German work camp, Otto decided the family should go to their "Secret Annex". Anne and Margot put their most important personal belongings into their schoolbags such as books, schoolbooks, Anne's diary, a comb ...

They had to wear all their clothes in layers because at that time no Jew would dare to leave the house with a suitcase. Miep Gies, Otto's former secretary, took a big bag full of shoes and clothes to the Franks' secret hiding place.

Furniture and some boxes containing things they needed were already there. The entrance door was hidden behind some bookshelves.

On the second floor there was a small kitchen and a bathroom. The third floor had two rooms, one for Otto and his wife and one for the girls.

On the fourth floor there was a small kitchen and a bedroom as well as the general living room. The attic in the front part of this building was used for storing food. It also was Anne's favourite place where she liked to go to be alone. One of Anne's hobbies was collecting photos and postcards from movie stars.

Soon more Jewish people moved in with the Franks, the van Daan family with their 15 year old son, Peter and later Mr. Dussel, a dentist, who shared the room with Anne. Margot had to move to her parents' room. During their stay in the "Secret Annex", they were supported by some people in the office building, who risked their own lives to provide them with food and basic supplies.

The Franks had to be careful not to be discovered by the Germans. All the windows were covered with thick curtains. During the day they had to be quiet. They only whispered when they talked and went barefoot, not making any noise. At night, when the people working in the business below had gone home, they could relax a bit, but they still had to be very careful. In the evenings they went down to the private office to listen to the British news on the radio.

After nearly two years they heard that the war was coming to an end so the people in the hideout hoped that they would be free soon. However, on August 4,





1944 the Germans discovered the Franks' hideout. They were all sent to different concentration camps. Men and women were separated.

Both Anne and her sister died of typhus in March 1945, only one month before Allied soldiers arrived at the camp and freed the people there.

The only one to survive was Otto Frank. He returned to Amsterdam and Miep Giess gave him the diary she had stowed away in a drawer. Anne's diary was published in 1947.

**Read the story and fill in the underlined letters to learn more about Anne's diary.**

Anne's diary was ..... in more than

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Today the Franks' hiding place in Amsterdam is a .....





  Find the words in the word search and write the German meanings next to the English words (if you need help, look in the dictionary).

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| DIARY       | ..... | EMIGRATE | ..... | ENTRY     | ..... |
| ESCAPE      | ..... | FORCE    | ..... | FURNITURE | ..... |
| HIDEOUT     | ..... | INVADE   | ..... | JEWISH    | ..... |
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