

The Holocaust Anne Frank

Anne Frank was born on June 12, 1929, in Germany, to a Jewish family. When she was 4 years old, in 1933, her father moved the family from Germany to the Netherlands. Germany was no longer friendly to Jewish people. Mr. Frank feared the anti-Semitism that was growing in Germany with the **policies**¹ of the Nazi Party. The family was safe in the Netherlands for a while. But, in 1940, Germany invaded. Anne's family was no longer safe. In 1942, the family went into hiding from the Germans.

Otto Frank, Anne's father, had built two rooms in his office. The rooms were **concealed**² behind a bookcase that was a secret door. The family stayed in hiding for more than 2 years. Anne was in the two rooms from the time she was 13 until she was 15. The family had to be very quiet, especially during the day. Any noise could lead to their capture.

Anne's only **outlet**³ was her diary. She wrote down all of her thoughts. She wrote about her fear of being captured. Her diary is also the story of family life and relationships continuing, as normal as possible, throughout the whole trial. While the Frank family is in hiding, there are still birthdays to celebrate, books to read, lessons to learn, and of course, little quarrels between Anne and her mother.

The story ends suddenly. Anne and her family were discovered by the German secret police, or Gestapo. They were all sent to concentration camps. In 1944, Anne died in a concentration camp. Of all of the family, only Otto survived. Otto kept his daughter's memory alive in the hearts and minds of the

¹ **policies:** courses of action chosen

² **concealed:** hidden from sight

³ **outlet:** a means of release or satisfaction

world. He published Anne's diary. The diary was translated into many languages and is read all over the world today.

A few days before Anne's family was discovered, she wrote:

*I'm awfully scared that everyone who knows me as I always am will discover that I have another side, a finer and better side. I'm afraid they'll laugh at me, think I'm ridiculous and **sentimental**,⁴ not take me seriously, but it's only the "light-hearted" Anne that's used to it and can bear it; the 'deeper' Anne is too frail for it. Sometimes, when I really compel the good Anne to take the stage for a quarter of an hour, she simply shrivels up as soon as she has to speak, and lets Anne number one take over, and before I realize it, she has disappeared.*

⁴ **sentimental:** resulting from feeling rather than reason or thought

Name: _____ Date: _____

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 - a. Germany was no longer friendly to Jewish people.
 - b. he had gotten a new job in the Netherlands.
 - c. he moved closer to the rest of their family.
 - d. he had gone on vacation there and loved it.

2. Anne's family stayed in hiding for two years because
 - a. they didn't like to spend time with people outside their family.
 - b. they enjoyed living in two rooms.
 - c. the Germans told them that they had to.
 - d. they didn't want the Germans to catch them and send them to a concentration camp.

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5. Why was the family safe for a while in the Netherlands?
 - a. The Germans eventually invaded the Netherlands.
 - b. Because the family was lost in the Netherlands.
 - c. No one had ever heard of the Netherlands.
 - d. The Germans didn't look for them in the Netherlands.

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7. In the diary entry, Anne writes, “... *it’s only the “light-hearted” Anne that’s used to it and can bear it; the ‘deeper’ Anne is too frail for it.*” What is “it” that she refers to?

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- b. Despite
- c. For
- d. In

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

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Who? Anne Frank

(did) What? _____

Where? _____

When? _____

10. **Vocabulary Word:** quarrel: an angry argument.

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: _____

Teacher Guide and Answers

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 840

Featured Text Structure: Descriptive – the writer explains, defines or illustrates a concept or topic

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Suggested answer: Anne's father wanted to the world to know and understand what the Frank family had gone through. He wanted to keep his daughter's memory alive and share it with all the world.

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Suggested answer: "It" is the experiences and times she spent in hiding with her family.

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