Learning with Anne Frank

Workbook 1
Hi!

This workbook teaches you more about Anne Frank. Anne Frank is a Jewish girl. She receives a diary for her thirteenth birthday. Anne loves reading and writing. She wants to write down the things she finds important in this diary.

Do you want to know more about her life?

Make sure you do all of the exercises in this workbook because there is a nice surprise waiting for you at the end!

Good luck!
Anne Frank’s life

On 12 June 1929

On 6 July 1929

On 12 June 1940 ...

Start here >>
Write with every date what happened.

On 6 July the family Frank go into hiding at the Prinsengracht in Amsterdam. They spend more than ...... years there.

On May 10 1940 ...

When Hitler comes to power in 1933, Anne is almost four years old. The Frank family decides to ...

On September 1st, 1939, Germany invades Poland. England and France respond by declaring ...

1929 1930 1931 1932 1933
1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943
1944 1945

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Hiding in the Secret Annex for two years

After three days in the Secret Annex, Anne continues writing in her diary. She has a lot of things to tell and writes:

'So much has happened it's as if the whole world has suddenly turned upside down[...].'

What would you do if you knew you had to be very quiet during the day? If you had to whisper and were hardly allowed to walk during the day?

Draw or write three things in these boxes which you would bring to the Secret Annex.

This is Fritz Pfeffer. He is a friend of the Frank and Van Pels families. He must go into hiding too. He shares a room with Anne. Anne does not like this very much. The room is already very small!

Another family is looking for a safe place to live. Their names are Hermann and Auguste van Pels, and Peter, their son.
Anne loves reading. She reads a lot of books in the Secret Annex. Sometimes she writes about those books in her diary.

In the autumn of 1943 Anne often feels gloomy. When will this war finally be over?

In the summer of 1943 Anne really starts to enjoy writing. She starts to write short stories. Sometimes she makes them up, but she also writes stories which really happened in the Secret Annex.

Otto gives Anne a hint. He says that she can copy beautiful sentences from books she has read. Anne likes this idea and starts a ‘Favourite Quotes notebook’.

The people in hiding are helped by four of Otto’s employees. They bring food and sometimes books and magazines to the Secret Annex. Which helpers deliver books to the hiding place?

Miep Gies
Bep Voskuijl
Johannes Kleiman
Victor Kugler

On 4 August 1944 the police raids the Secret Annex and all people in hiding are arrested. Somebody has betrayed them, but up until today nobody knows who.
What happens to the Frank family?

All people in hiding are put into prison by the police. Anne’s diary is left behind. Miep Gies saves Anne’s diary for her.

Follow the route by following the arrows from 1 to 3.

The people in hiding are first taken to the Westerbork camp in the Netherlands.

Next, Anne and Margot are taken to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in Germany.

From there they are taken by train to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. Otto is separated here from Anne, Margot and Edith.

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Anne was not the only one, ...

There were many more Jewish children like Anne Frank. Not every one of them had a hiding place. Not everyone kept a diary. Six million people were killed in the Second World War, among them 1,5 million children.

Anne Frank wanted to become a writer.
Do you think her wish has come true?
Write down your answer here.

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Because .............................................................................................
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761 days in the Secret Annex,...

Anne lives in the Secret Annex for 761 days. That is more than two years! During this time she writes in her diary, her ‘Tales from the Secret Annex’ (short stories) and her ‘Favourite Quotes Notebook’. This is how we know what she went through, how she felt and what she wanted to become when she would be older.

On 5 May 1945 the German army capitulates. The Netherlands is liberated. A few months later the Second World War has finally come to an end. When Otto Frank returns home to Amsterdam, Miep Gies gives him Anne’s diary. Otto publishes the diary two years later.
Imagine: you feel angry, sad and lonely. What would you do?
Write it down in this box.

Anne’s most precious possession

Anne’s most precious possession is her diary. Writing is very important for her. When you must be quiet and are not allowed to go outside, writing really helps to get things off your chest.

‘The nicest part is being able to write down all my thoughts and feelings; otherwise, I’d absolutely suffocate.’
Anne wrote this on 16 March 1944.
Now it’s your turn!

Complete the following sentences:

How do you feel when you read?

When I read my book, .......................................................... ..........................................................
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Where do you read your book?

I prefer to read my book (place): .......................................................... ..........................................................
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Not just one book

Anne quickly completes her diary. Did you know that Anne’s diary is not just one book, but that it consists of notebooks and loose leaves?
Anne also writes short stories (Tales from the Secret Annex). Sometimes she even copies beautiful sentences from books into her ‘Favourite Quotes Notebook’.

The Flea

“We’ve been having another calamity here, Mouschi’s fleas. We didn’t know cat fleas could get on people; but they can. Yesterday I caught one on the upper part of my leg, then ten minutes later one farther down, and in the evening on Dussel’s bed there was another running around on my leg”. He slipped through my fingers, those little animals are so incredibly quick. […]”

I picked it up and,
How do you read?

When I read, I usually whisper – I read out loud – I read for myself – I read for my little brother or sister

When do you prefer to read?

Anne reads a lot of books in the Secret Annex.

What has Anne written?

1

2

3
Walk to a place where you can write comfortably

Your favourite book

Reading and writing go together.
If you read a lot, you will automatically write better.

Circle which type of books you like reading the most:

- funny books
- exciting books
- romantic books
- books about animals
- books about sports
- fairy tale books
- creepy books
- history books
- books about space

Or: I do not read books but I do like to read (fill in) ...........................................
The surprise!

1 Look at the sentences you have written down earlier in this workbook. They are on page 7 & 9.
2 Look at the number in the inkblot.
3 Copy all these sentences below. Make sure you write them in the right place!
   Number 2 is on line 2, number 8 is on line 8 etcetera.

1 When I read my book
2 ..........................................................................
3 ..........................................................................
4 When I read my book
5 ..........................................................................
6 ..........................................................................
7 When I read my book
8 ..........................................................................

Dear writer,
You have written a rondo. This is a poem of eight lines.
Copy everything onto a sheet.

Well done! You are a real poet!
Colophon

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