Reading & writing 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! The inside of the exhibition tells you everything about Anne’s favorite books and shows you what she has written herself. At the outside of the exhibition you will see a timeline. Above the timeline you will find information about Anne Frank and her family. Below the timeline you will learn about the history of World War Two.

Good luck!
Anne Frank’s life

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

On 12 June 1929

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

1930

1938

1939

1940

1941

1942

1943

1944

1945

On 10 May 1940 ...

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

Start here >> Find the dates in the exhibition. Write with every date what happened.

Anne takes her diary to the hiding place.

On May 10 1940 ...
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.

Another family is looking for a safe place to live. Their names are Hermann and Auguste van Pels, and Peter, their son.

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!
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?

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’.

Read the information about Miep Gies, Bep Voskuijl, Johannes Kleiman and Victor Kugler. They helped the people in hiding by bringing them food and books.

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.

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? Find the answer on the inside of the exhibition!
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.

Anne dies in February 1945 of typhoid fever, an infectious illness. Her mother and sister also die. Of all the people in hiding, Otto Frank is the only one who survives the war.

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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.

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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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.

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’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.

Imagine: you feel angry, sad and lonely. What would you do? Write it down in this box.

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‘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.
Anne Frank, a father I've ever seen, didn't marry my mother until he was thirty-six. Margo was born in Frankfurt am Main in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12 June 1929. In 1929, things in Germany are going badly. There is a crisis in the States, but soon spreads to other countries, effecting people. Otto Frank and Edith Holländer's best stories. "Papa with his German Workers' Party (NSDAP) are anti- that join Hitler's party are called Nazis. Many Germans are out of work and live in poverty. In addition, because Germany has lost the First World War (1914-1918) and has lost part of its territory. Adolf Hitler, Führer of Germany, start discriminating against the Jewish community. Hitler and his generals also start making secret plans for war, and his government starts introducing racial laws. According to these words: "Our lives were not without trouble started for the Jews". Anne and Fritz Pfeffer's family is hiding in an underground hut. This family is hiding in an underground hut. Hermann and Auguste Van Pels. This family is hiding in an underground hut. They build extermination camps. Jews are specially designed to kill people efficiently. Jews are taken by force and houses are ransacked one by one. Jews are required to turn in their bicycles; Jews are forbidden to use trams; [...] in the Annex. Over the course of two years, Anne grows around thirteen years old and houses are ransacked one by one. Jews are required to turn in their bicycles; Jews are forbidden to use trams; [...] at Auschwitz. After the Nazi invasion, anti-Jewish laws are also introduced in the Netherlands. After 1945, everyone knows what that means.

Walk to the outside of the Exhibition

1. Circle one of these words: **round-up**, **hiding**, **yellow star**

2. Look this word up in the exhibition.

3. Which year corresponds with your word? 

Explain in your own words, what your word means.
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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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'.

Look around the exhibition for the part about the flea. Read the rest of the story here and write the end yourself!

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 sports
- books about animals
- creepy books
- fairy tale 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 8 & 10.
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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