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RESOURCE 12

Core Activity – Past and present Roles, then and now

1. People can be divided into the following roles according to the positions they take, their actions or the choices they make:

- Victims
- Perpetrators
- Helpers
- Bystanders

The roles can also be applied to the life of Anne Frank. Categorise the main characters: who played which role?



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2. Then, read out the quote below and reflect on the dilemmas and choices Miep Gies faced. In her diary, Anne Frank wrote on 11 July 1943:

'Miep has so much to carry, she looks like a pack mule. She goes forth nearly every day to scrounge up vegetables and then bicycles back with her purchases in large shopping bags. She's also the one who brings five library bags with her every Saturday. We long for Saturdays because that means books. We're like a bunch of little kids with presents.'

Make a list of what was needed to help the people in hiding.

3. Think of an everyday situation in which the four roles occur. In the classroom or in the schoolyard, for instance. You can also give an example from your own life, in which you played one of these roles.

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