

ANNE FRANK

FACT SHEET TEACHER REFERENCE

OPENING QUESTIONS

- When was Anne born? **June 12, 1929**
- What year did Adolf Hitler rise to power and how old was Anne? **1933, Anne was 3 years old**
- What year did Germany invade the Netherlands? **1940**
- In what year did Anne and her family go into hiding? **1942**
- How many people lived together in the annex? **8**
- How many people cared for them? **6 helpers**

ENTRANCE AREA

- Where was the secret entrance hidden? **Behind a revolving book case**

LANDING WITH THE BOOKCASE

- How did they solve the problem of everyone hitting their heads? **Peter nailed a clothe full of wood shavings onto the door.**



OTTO'S, EDITH'S, AND MARGOT'S ROOM

- What did they receive most Saturdays that was their only form of entertainment? ***Books***

ANNE AND FRITZ' ROOM

- What would Anne like to become when she is older? ***Journalist and writer***
- Why could they not look out of the windows? ***For fear that they would be seen by someone that would report their hiding area.***

BATHROOM

- What time were they no longer allowed to use water after? ***8:30 pm***
- Why did they need to be completely silent? ***Once the shop closed, any noise made would give their hiding spot away.***



HERMAN'S AND AUGUSTUS VAN PELS ROOM

- What is being broadcast on the radio? ***A report of the D-Day invasion***
- What are “food periods”? ***Extended periods of time when they only had one type of food to eat.***
- What example did Anne give of a food they had for a “food period”? ***Sauerkraut***

PETER VAN PELS' ROOM

- What did you need to do to gain access or get Peter's attention? ***Knock on the third step and wait to hear someone say “Yes, yes”.***
- What became Peter's passion while living in his “room”? ***Crossword puzzles***
- Describe his “room” and where it was located. ***A small, tight space that was a landing at the bottom of stairs.***
- How would you describe the relationship between Anne and Peter? ***A friendship that turned into a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship.***



THE LOFT

- What is in the barrel? **Potatoes**
- Why did Anne go to the loft regularly? **To breathe in some fresh air and clear out her lungs**
- What could she see? **Seagulls, plants, life, the sun**

CLOSING QUESTIONS

- What day was the annex discovered and raided? **August 4, 1944**
- How long did the family live in hiding before being discovered? **2 years**
- Where was the family transferred to before being separated? **Auschwitz**
- How did Anne die? **Exhaustion, hunger, disease**
- Who was the only survivor from the house? **Otto Frank**
- Why did they publish Anne's writings? What was the original title? **After reading her writings, Otto realized it is what she would have wanted. Originally, it was given the title "Diary of a Young Girl".**
- In how many languages was her diary published? **More than 70**
- What do you think would be the most difficult part of living under the conditions Anne lived in for 2 years? Explain. **Answers are opinions and will vary.**



QUOTES FROM THE BOOK USED IN THE VR EXPERIENCE

1. "Night after night the green or gray military vehicles drive by, ring every bell to ask if Jews live there, if so the whole family has to go along right away, if not they move on."
2. "Countless friends and acquaintances are on their way to a horrible destination."
3. "No one can escape their fate unless they go into hiding."
4. "Our hiding place has now become a true hiding place."
5. "Mr. Kugler, you see, thought it would be better to place a cupboard in front of our door, but then of course a cupboard on hinges that can open like a door."
6. "Now, when we want to go downstairs we have to duck first, then jump."
7. "After 3 days we were all walking around with bumps on our foreheads, because everyone kept banging their heads against the low doorway."
8. "Peter then made the doorframe as soft as possible by nailing to it a cloth full of wood shavings."
9. "Straight across from the door a steep set of stairs, to the left a little hallway and a room, which is to be the Frank family's living room and bedroom"
10. "If one climbs the stairs and opens the door at the top, one is amazed to find such a large, light and spacious room in such an old canal house."
11. "The kitchen, in other words – and also the bedroom – of Mr. and Mrs. Van Pels, the common living room, dining room and study."
12. "I have changed and very thoroughly too, totally and in every way."
13. "My opinions outlook, judgement, appearance, inner life, everything has changed and, I am pleased to say, because it's true, for the better."
14. "Margot and mother are on pins and needles: "Ssh....Father, quiet Otto, ssh....It is 8:30."
15. "Come her now, you can't' run the water anymore; walk quietly!" These are the various cries that go out to Father in the bathroom."
16. "At the stroke of 8:30 he must be in the room. Not a drop of water no walking, everything quiet."
17. "It's terrible being sick in here; whenever I had to cough I would crawl down deep, deep, deeper under the blankets and try to quieten my throat as gently as possible."
18. "I've grown half an inch, put on 2 pounds, pale and eager to learn."



19. "When there's no one in the office downstairs, everything sounds so much louder in the storeroom."
20. "Of course we are never allowed to look out the window or go outside."
21. "During the day we always have to walk quietly and speak softly, the people in the warehouse mustn't hear us."
22. "We always look forward to these Saturdays, because that's when the books arrive."
23. "Normal people don't know how much books mean to someone who is locked up"
24. "Reading, studying and the radio are our only distractions."
25. "It weighs on me more heavily than I can say, that we can never go out, and I am terribly afraid that we will be caught and executed, that of course is not a very pleasant prospect."
26. "Writing lets me get rid of it all, my sorrow disappears, my courage is revived!"
27. "But, and that's the main question, will I ever be able to write something great, will I ever be a journalist and a writer?"
28. "I hope, oh, I do so hope I will, because writing lets me register everything, my thoughts, my ideals, and my fantasies."
29. "Our little room with its stern walls was very bare until now."
30. "Thanks to father who has brought my whole collection of picture postcards and movie stars here beforehand."
31. "I have been able to treat the walls with a pot of glue and a brush and so turn the entire room into one big picture."
32. "My hopes are fixed on the time that will come after the war."
33. "I would love to go to Paris for a year and London for a year to learn the language and study art history."
34. "As of yesterday I have found something new, for instance, using a good pair of binoculars to spy on the lighted rooms of the people who live behind us."
35. "During the day we are not allowed to open the curtains even an inch, but when it's so dark there can be no harm in it."
36. "This is the day," the English radio said at 12 o'clock and rightly so "this is the day," the invasion has begun!"
37. "The Annex in an uproar. Could it really be that the long-awaited liberation is on its way."



38. "The liberation about which we've talked so much, but that is still too lovely, too fabulous to ever come true?"
39. "We don't know yet either, but the hope that springs eternal makes us brave, gives us renewed strength."
40. "I feel bad for lying in a warm bed, while my dearest friends are out there somewhere, thrown or fallen to the ground."
41. "And that only because they are Jews."

