

Anne Frank



Who was Anne Frank?

Anne Frank was born in Frankfurt, Germany on 12th June, 1929. Her parents were Otto and Edith and she had an older sister, Margot. Anne was lively and outgoing. She had lots of friends and she enjoyed writing, going on family trips to the seaside and riding her bike.

The Second World War

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became the leader of Germany and life was never the same again. Anne was Jewish and Hitler despised Jewish people. He unfairly blamed them for many of Germany's problems. To keep his family safe, Otto Frank moved to Amsterdam in the Netherlands when Anne was just four years old. However, the Second World War began in 1939, and in 1940, the Nazis invaded the Netherlands.



Life became hard for Jewish people, who were forced to wear a yellow star and were not allowed to own businesses. Anne celebrated her thirteenth birthday and received a red journal that was to become a record of her experiences as a Jew in the Second World War. Anne loved to write and, naming her journal 'Kitty', she began to write in it every day.

Going Into Hiding

Otto Frank had a secret annexe behind his office where his family could hide away from the Nazis. After packing what they could, the family went quickly to the small annexe and with the help of friends, hid away for two years. Anne wrote in 'Kitty' every day. Her journal tells us about how her family struggled to stay alive.

Captured

Eight people were able to hide in the annexe. They had to be very quiet, walking barefoot and hanging



heavy curtains at the windows. Anne often wrote about how tired she was of living in the cramped space. Towards the end of the war, Anne and her family were betrayed and the Nazis found their hiding place.

The End

In 1944, the families were arrested, split up and sent to concentration camps. Anne died just a month before the end of the war from a disease called typhus. She was just fifteen years old. The only family member to survive was Otto Frank. When he returned to Amsterdam, he decided to publish Anne's journal. It has been read all over the world and is translated into sixty-five languages.



"Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy."

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Anne Frank Timeline

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| 1929 | 12th June: Anne is born in Germany. |
| 1933 | Adolf Hitler comes to power as leader of Germany. Anne Frank moves to Amsterdam. |
| 1940 | May: Germany invades the Netherlands. |
| 1942 | Jewish people must wear a yellow star. 14th June: Anne begins her journal. July: Anne's family go into hiding. |
| 1944 | 4th August: The Franks are discovered and arrested. 3rd September: The Franks are taken to a concentration camp. |
| 1945 | March: Anne dies from Typhus. |
| 1947 | Anne's father Otto publishes her journal. |

Questions

1. When and where was Anne Frank born?

2. Who was Adolf Hitler?

3. Otto Frank decided to move his family from Germany because it was becoming dangerous for Jewish people. Give two reasons why it was dangerous.

4. Where did Anne Frank and her family move to?

5. Give two ways life became hard for Jewish people.

6. What gift did Anne Frank receive on her thirteenth birthday?

7. Use information from the text to show whether these statements are fact or opinion.

| | Fact | Opinion |
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| Anne loved to write. | | |
| Anne would write every day. | | |
| Anne named her diary 'Kitty' because her journal was like a friend to her. | | |

8. Where was the secret annexe Otto Frank used to hide his family? Tick the answer that is correct.

- In the cellar of his office.
- Behind his office.
- In a friends house.
- In a cupboard under the stairs.

Questions

9. Eight people lived in the secret annexe. Give two ways they were able to stay hidden.

10. How old was Anne Frank when she died?
