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*Reading & writing  
with*  
**Anne Frank**

**Give yourself a voice and write!**

# Anne Frank's Life

Follow Anne Frank's life here. Make sure you write down the right titles yourself. Choose from one of the titles at the bottom of this page.

*title:*

**1929**



On 12 June 1929 Anne Frank is born in Frankfurt am Main, in Germany. The Frank family is **Jewish**.

**1933**



In 1933 Adolf Hitler comes to power in Germany. He blames the Jews for the high unemployment rate and poverty. Hitler is a dictator. Otto and Edith do not feel safe anymore and decide to leave Germany. They move to Amsterdam.

*title:*

**1934/1938**



Anne **feels at home** in the Netherlands. She quickly learns Dutch and has lots of friends. In summer, she often goes to the beach with her family.

## Feeling at home

When do you feel at home somewhere?

*Fill in your answer here.*

*Put the following titles in the correct box*

**Life in Amsterdam**

**Anne Frank is born**

**1938/1939**



Hitler wants to expand Germany's territory and occupies other countries. In September 1939 Poland is attacked from both sides by the German and Russian armies. England and France declare war on Hitler. This is the start of the Second World War.

**1940**



It is May 1940 and war breaks out. The German army occupies the Netherlands. Anne and her family are not safe here any longer. Fleeing has become very difficult.

**1942**



Jews are also **discriminated** in the Netherlands. Anne and Margot are forced to attend a Jewish Secondary School in Amsterdam, segregated from their non-Jewish peers.

*title:*

**1942**



Margot receives a call-up notice. She has to go to a labour camp in Germany. If Margot does not go, the entire family will be arrested. Otto and Edith will not let her go. On 6 July the Frank family goes into hiding on Prinsengracht.

**discrimination**

What does 'discrimination' mean, according to you?

*Fill in your answer here.*

Four horizontal red lines for writing an answer.

*Put the following titles in the correct box*

**Living in War**

**A Hiding Place**

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



Anne brings her diary, which she receives for her thirteenth birthday, to the hiding place.



The Secret Annex

# Love in the Secret Annex



At first, Anne thinks of Peter as a 'boring, lazy clot' and 'obnoxious'. Later, in 1944, she starts writing about him in a more positive way. She feels 'happy when he looks at her' and falls in love with him. Anne is fifteen years old then and Peter eighteen years.



*'Kitty, I sound like someone who's in love and can talk about nothing but her dearest darling.'*

3 March 1944



**NAME:**  
*Peter van Pels*

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Hermann and Auguste's son

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**IS:**  
calm, shy, silent

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**LOVES**  
carpentry and animals

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**OTHERS DESCRIBE HIM AS:**  
reliable, willing to help and brave

**How would you describe yourself?**

*Write down two characteristics here*

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*Now ask somebody else which two characteristics he/she would choose to describe you!*

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**NAME:**  
*Anne Frank*

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Otto and Edith's daughter, Margot's sister

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**IS:**  
sensitive, cheerful, gloomy

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**LOVES:**  
reading and writing

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**SOMETIMES FEELS:**  
lonely & anxious

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**OTHERS DESCRIBE HER AS:**  
full of fun but also has a serious side to her

## A big argument about a small table



This is Fritz Pfeffer. He is an acquaintance of the Frank and Van Pels families and he must go into hiding too. He shares a room with Anne. Anne does not like this because the room is already very small.

Both Anne and Fritz enjoy working at the small table in their room. Anne asks Fritz if she can work two afternoons a week at this table. He replies: 'No!'. Anne gets mad and tries to get her way via her father. She manages, but it does not do any good for the atmosphere.



*'I'm seething with rage, yet I can't show it. I'd like to scream, stamp my foot [...]'*

30 January 1943

### What would you do?

*Imagine you're really angry about something. How would you express it?*

#### NAME:

*Fritz Pfeffer*

**IS:** closed and assertive (stands up for himself) seeks refuge in his faith: he prays in the Secret Annex every evening

**IS:** dentist

**IS:** afraid of cats

#### MIEP DESCRIBES HIM AS:

a sporty, handsome, friendly man

#### ANNE DESCRIBES HIM AS:

selfish and arrogant



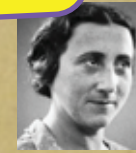
# Walk to the the exhibition

Take your time to read and look at the exhibition. Then read the following text and answer the questions.

## The People in Hiding

### Fill in

The eight inhabitants hide for ..... days in the ..... They have to be ..... every day. To look outside is very .....



*Do you already know the names of the people in hiding? Write them down below the pictures. You can look at the exhibition if you do not know their names.*

*'We're cooped up here, cut off from the world, anxious and fearful [...]'*

17 April 1944

What would you do?

*The helpers risk their lives by helping the Secret Annex inhabitants. Have you ever helped someone? Describe the situation.*

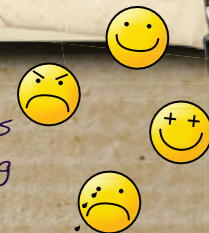
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## The Helpers

The Secret Annex inhabitants are helped by four of Otto's employees. They bring food and sometimes books and magazines to the Secret Annex.

*Write down in the following boxes what emotions the people in hiding experienced, according to you.*



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*'If only I can be myself, I'll be satisfied.'*

Anne, 11 April 1944

Anne writes a lot about herself in her diary. She writes about her looks, her hobbies and her feelings. She has 'a goal, an opinion, faith and love' and above all wants to 'be herself'.

young enthusiastic  
sister vain  
daughter curious  
in love girl  
writer joker  
Jewish girlfriend  
Dutch refugee  
reader



### **'Being yourself'**

*Below, fill in as many words as possible that describe you!*


### **Who do they say you are?**

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Hitler and the Nazis blame the Jews for all the problems in Germany.

### **Anti-Semitism**

Anti-Semitism is hatred towards Jewish people. The Nazis hate Jews. It is a type of discrimination. Give another word for anti-Semitism:

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*'One day this terrible war will be over. The time will come when we'll be people again and not just Jews!'*

11 April 1944

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

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On 4 August 1944 the police raids the Secret Annex and arrests the inhabitants. Someone betrayed them, but up until today nobody knows who.

3

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

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.



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.

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

**ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT YOURSELF HERE:**

What are you afraid of?  
Try to write down two different things.

What would you like to do or become after you finish school?



# Haiku Twaiku

Take your time to read and look at the exhibition. Then do the following exercise.

You write a lot more in your everyday life than you think you do. Just think about text messages or emails.

A twaiku is based on an ancient Japanese verse, called haiku. When you type a text message of three lines and 140 characters, you have composed a twaiku – a kind of ‘internet poetry’!

Example:

**exhibition Anne**  
**words framed highlighted**  
**I am amazed**

アンネの隠れ家に  
展示された日記とその説明に  
大きく感嘆する

Twaikus are about personal things that can touch someone. Imagine you want to let somebody on the other side of the world know where you are and what you are seeing.

*Imagine: Where am I? Who do I see? What do I see? What do I feel now?*

*Write down your twaiku here. You can also use your mobile phone and send your twaiku to a friend.*



## Did you manage?

Share your twaiku with the rest of the world!  
Post your twaiku on the Anne Frank Facebook page.  
This group has more than 20,000 followers. First mention your name, the country you are from, the word ‘twaiku’ and then post your twaiku.



facebook

# A poem about Anne Frank

Answer seven questions.

- 1 Write down two or three *characteristics* of Anne.
- 2 What is her *relationship* to others? Daughter? Sister? Write down one relationship.
- 3 Write down two or three things here that Anne *enjoys* doing, even though she is hiding.
- 4 Write down three *feelings* that Anne could have had during the hiding period, both positive and negative.
- 5 Write down what she is *afraid* of.
- 6 Write down two or three things Anne *hoped* for her life.
- 7 Write down where she *lived*.



Anne

1

2

3 loves

4

5

6

7

Frank



*Example*

Margot

quiet, serious and  
eager to learn

Otto and Edith's daughter  
loves reading and studying  
quiet, understanding  
afraid to be discovered  
wants peace and a job as a

carer

Amsterdam

Frank

# A poem about yourself!

Answer the following questions and discover your own biographic poem.

- 1 Write down your *first name*.
- 2 Write down three or four *characteristics* of yourself.
- 3 What is your *relationship* to others? Are you someone's friend? Daughter or son? Brother or sister? Write down one relationship.
- 4 Write down two or three things you *love*.
- 5 Write down two things you are *afraid of*.
- 6 Write down two or three things you *hope* for your life or what you would like to become.
- 7 Write down where you *live*.
- 8 Write down your *surname*.

1

2

3

4 love

5 afraid of

6 hope for

7

8

Copy your twaiku and/or poems on a piece of paper, cut them out and stick them on the magnetic strip at the exhibition.

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