



The Diary of a Young Girl, (also known as *The Diary of Anne Frank*) is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank, while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. The family was apprehended in 1944, and Anne Frank died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. The diary was saved and returned to Otto Frank, the family's only known survivor. The diary has since been published in more than 60 different languages.

First published in Amsterdam in 1947, the diary received widespread critical and popular attention. Its popularity inspired the 1955 play *The Diary of Anne*. The play was adapted for the screen for the 1959 movie version. The book is included in several lists of the top books of the 20th century.

During the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, Anne Frank received a blank diary as one of her presents on June 12, 1942, for her 13th birthday. She began to write in it on June 14, 1942, two days later, on July 5, 1942, Anne's older sister Margot received an official summons to report to a Nazi work camp in Germany. Then, Anne went into hiding with her father Otto, mother Edith, and sister Margot. Their hiding place was in the sealed-off upper rooms of the Annexe, at the back of Otto's company building in Amsterdam.

The rooms were concealed behind a movable bookcase. In the published version, the names of the people who went into hiding with Anne's family were changed. With the assistance of a group of Otto Frank's trusted colleagues, they remained hidden for two years and one month.

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl



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Vocabulary



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Afterward

1 What happened to the "Secret Annexe" on August 4, 1944?

2. Why do we have Anne's diary today?

3 What was the fate of those imprisoned?

- Mr. Kugler and Mr. Kleiman: _____
- Mr. Van Daan: _____
- Mrs. Van Daan: _____
- Peter Van Daan: _____
- Mr. Dussel: _____
- Mrs. Frank: _____
- Anne and Margot: _____
- Otto Frank: _____

After the War and Themes



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Themes

Coming of Age

How does Anne's changing relationships with some of the others in hiding show that she is maturing? What changes are there in Anne's attitudes? What kind of person is she becoming?

Anne says that her own atmosphere keeps shifting from great happiness and thankfulness to great despair. How do events in the outside world and relationships in the "Secret Annexe" contribute to these ups and downs? Do you think Anne's responses are appropriate? Explain.



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Themes

Pain

One of the themes of the diary is that human growth involves pain. How is this theme illustrated by Anne's relationship with her mother? How does the plight of those outside the "Annexe" contribute to the theme?

Loneliness And Sharing

Another theme of the diary is that everyone needs someone to share life's experiences with. How does Anne's relationship with Peter illustrate this theme? How does Anne's relationship with her diary illustrate this theme?

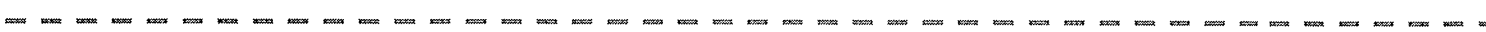


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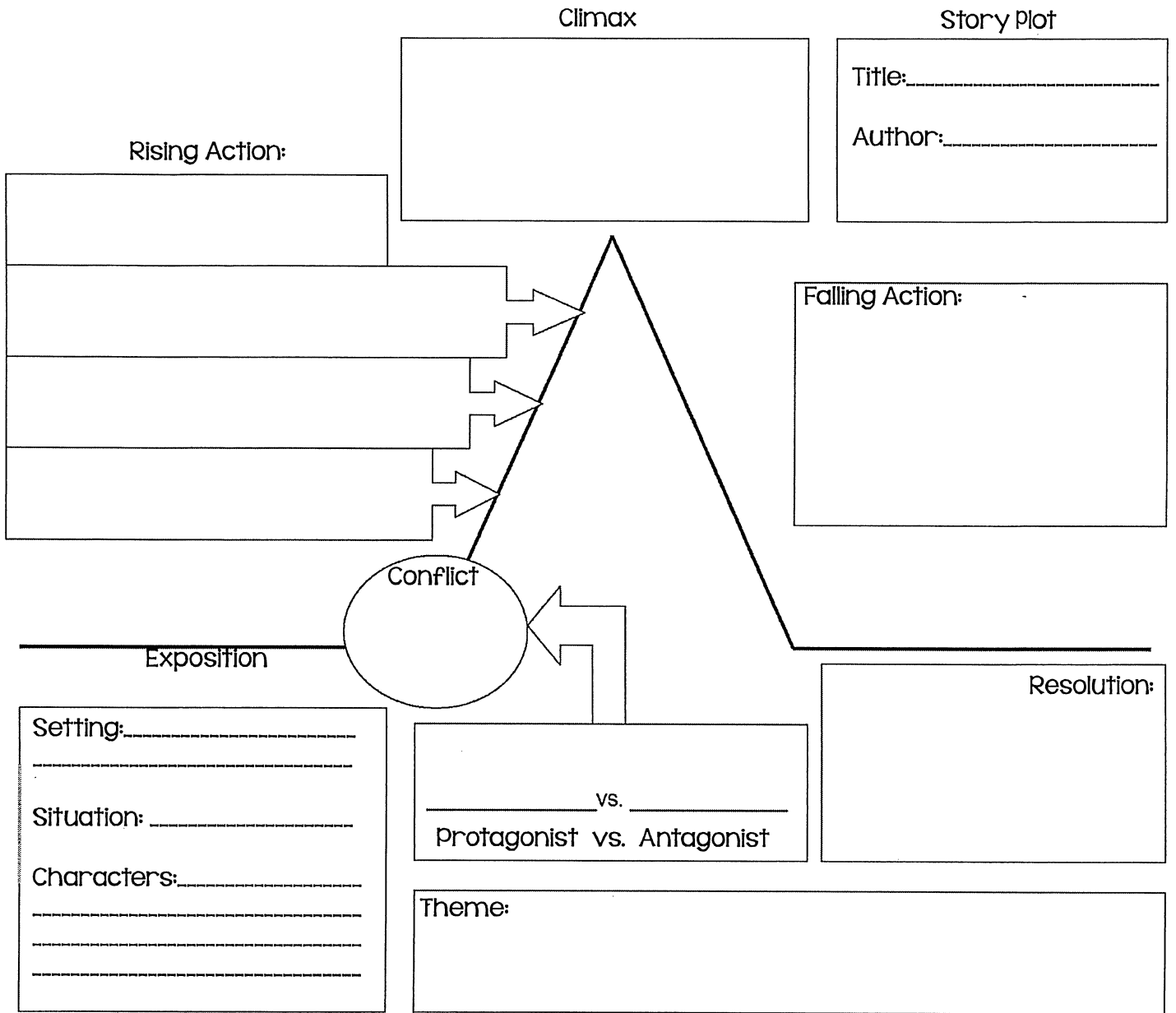
Themes

Evil In The World

Another theme of the diary concerns responsibility for evil in the world. This theme is expressed most clearly on May 3, 1944. Reread the eighth paragraph of that entry. How does Anne explain the evil in the world? Do you agree with her? Why or why not? Cite examples and support your position.



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Plot Diagram



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As you read, complete the chart. Characters: Identify who they are (father of _____, friend of _____, etc.), what they do (make the rules, write in diary, etc.), and as many of their personality traits that you can think of.

Character	Description
Miep	
Kraler	
Mr. Frank	
Mrs. Frank	
Anne Frank	

Characters



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Character	Description
Margot	
Mr. Van Daan	
Mrs. Van Daan	
Peter	
Mr. Dussel	



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Sunday, 14 June 1942 to Tuesday, 22 December 1942

1. What is significant about June 14, 1942, the book's first entry?
3. What was Anne's life like before entering the "Secret Annexe"?
4. Who are Zionists?
5. What has turned Anne's whole world upside down in her July 8, 1942 report?
6. How were Jews treated in 1942 Holland?
7. Who lives in the "Secret Annexe"?
8. What are some of the adaptations the "Secret Annexe" residents have to make in hiding?
9. How does Anne spend her time in the "Secret Annexe"?

1942



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Wednesday, 13 January 1943 to Tuesday, 13 July 1943

1. Why does Anne think she is fortunate compared to others?
2. Why do you think Anne writes so often about arguments?
3. Anne uses a lot of synonyms for arguments. What are some of these synonyms?
4. How does Anne spend her days?
5. How do the "Secret Annexe" folk hide their existence?

Friday, 16 July, 1943 to Wednesday, 29 December, 1943

1. How are those in the "Secret Annexe" able to survive? Where do they get food? Who helps them?
2. What would happen to those in hiding if they got sick and required medical care? How do those in hiding deal with sickness?

1943



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3. What are the first wishes of those in the "Secret Annexe" when they are able to leave?

4. What deficiencies does Anne see in Mrs. Van Daan?

5. Explain 24 hours in the "Secret Annexe."



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Sunday, 2 January 1944 to Friday, 31 March, 1944

1. Anne thinks Peter has an inferiority complex. Find examples in the diary to support that idea.
2. On February 23, 1944, Anne includes a thought about what is missed by being in hiding and how they must find inward compensation. What are some of the things Anne and the others miss while in hiding?
3. Why do you think Anne writes more and more of Peter Van Daan?
4. Who are the people who support those in hiding? What is the Underground, the Resistance? Why do these people take on the work?

Saturday, 1 April, 1944 to Sunday Morning, 7 May 1944

1. What are the food cycles Anne describes on April 3, 1944?
2. What are Anne's hobbies? Why does she have so many hobbies?
3. What is Anne's major run-in with her father in April, 1944?

1944

4. In her April 11 entry, Anne reports a burglary. Why did it cause such an ordeal for those hiding in the “Annexe”?

Monday, 8 May, 1944 to Tuesday, 1 August, 1944

1. Why is the Allied invasion (D-Day) a cause for rejoicing?

2. On Anne’s fifteenth birthday, she makes an accounting of her plusses and minuses. What did she include?

3. How do the people of the “Secret Annexe” deal with 26 trays of strawberries?