



FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK



Anne's Diary:

In the story, Anne feels a bit weird starting a diary for the first time. She thinks no one will care about her experiences in the future. Still, she decides to write down her thoughts because she feels lonely without friends to talk to. She names her diary "Kitty" to give her need for a friend a shape.

Talking to Paper:

Anne believes that paper can understand her thoughts better than people, especially those who don't have much patience. Even though she has friends, she can't share everything with them. So, she uses her diary to express herself and feel better. Her father gives her the diary on her 13th birthday, making it a special gift.

School Challenges:

In the story, Anne talks about feeling nervous about school test results, especially in math. Her math teacher gives her extra homework because she talks a lot in class. Instead of getting upset, Anne turns one of her punishments into a funny poem, making the teacher laugh.

Having Fun with Words:

Even though Anne gets into trouble for talking too much, she finds a way to make it fun. She writes a poem about being a chatterbox and turns a punishment into something amusing. This helps her stay happy, even when things are tough.

Anne's Diary:

Overall, "From the Diary of Anne Frank" shows that writing in a diary can be like talking to a friend. It helps Anne feel better and find joy, even when she faces challenges in school. The story reminds us that expressing our thoughts can be a good way to stay happy, especially when we feel lonely.

Extract Based Questions:

1. Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I have never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musing of a thirteen year old school girl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing and I have an even greater need to get all kind of things off my chest. Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out.

(a) Whom does 'I' refer to in the given passage?

(b) 'Paper has more patience than people' - Why did Anne Frank say that?

(c) Find a word in the passage that means 'deep thought'.

(d) Which word in the passage is a synonym of lethargic?

Answers: (a) 'I' refers to Anne Frank in the given passage.

(b) Anne Frank said that 'Paper has more patience than people' because one can rely on the paper to confide his/her secrets and it listens carefully and silently.

(c) The word is 'musing'.

(d) The word is 'listless'.

2. Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they're not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

(a) Why was Anne Frank disturbed even when she had loving parents, relatives and friends?

(b) Why did Anne decide to write a diary?

(c) Find the word that means the same as 'unluckily'

(d) To confide in somebody is to

Answers: (a) Anne Frank was disturbed even after being surrounded by so many people because she didn't have any true friend.

(b) Anne decided to write a diary because she could not confide in anyone and felt lonely.

(c) The word is unfortunately.

(d) It means to tell somebody your secrets or personal information.

Top 10 PYQs:

Short Answer Questions (40-50 words each)

1. How does Anne feel about her father, grandmother, Mrs. Kuperus and Mr. Keesing?

Answer: Her father was the most adorable, she loved him very much. She also loved her grandmother and often thought of her with reverence after her death. She was deeply attached to her teacher, Mrs. Kuperus, and was in tears when she left her. Anne did not have a good impression of Mr. Keesing, her maths teacher and often called him 'old fogey'.

2. How do you know that Anne was close to her grandmother?

Answer: Anne lived with her grandmother for some months when her parents went to Holland. She loved her deeply. When her grandmother died, Anne felt sad. She often thought about her. So she was close to her grandmother.

3. Why did a thirteen-year-old girl start writing a diary? Did her suffocation lead her to it?

Answer: It should not be forgotten that Anne was living in hiding. She couldn't have normal dealings with the people outside. She could talk about 'ordinary things' with her family and friends. She couldn't talk about highly personal and intimate issues with them. She didn't have any real friends. She felt utterly lonely and depressed. Writing in a diary could get all kinds of things off her chest.

4. Give a brief life-sketch of Anne Frank.

Answer: Anne was born on 12 June 1929. She lived in Frankfurt until she was four. Her father emigrated to Holland in 1933. Her mother went with him to Holland in September. Anne and her elder sister, Margot, were sent to Aachen to stay with their grandmother. Margot, went to Holland in December and Anne followed in February. She started right away at the Montessori nursery school. She stayed there until she was six, where she started in the first form. His grandmother died in January 1942, when she was thirteen.

5. Why does Anne say: "Paper has more patience than people"?

Answer: Anne doesn't seem to have much faith in the people around her. She was living in hiding and couldn't trust people so easily. Moreover, people do react. Sometimes people react rather negative, unpleasant, vulgar and violent manners. Paper is an impersonal and non-reactive object. Whatever you write on it, it receives it without giving any such reactions.

6. Anne Frank had a great attachment with her grandmother. Justify your answer.

Answer: There is no doubt that Anne Frank had a great attachment with her grandmother. When her parents migrated to Holland, she along with her elder sister Margot were sent to live with her grandmother in Aachen. The grandmother died in January 1942. She thought of her quite often and still loved her.

7. Why did Anne Frank says that teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth?

Answer: Anne Frank felt that nothing could be predicted about the mood of the teachers. They were the most 'unpredictable creatures on earth'. It depended on their choice who would go up in the next class. Only they could decide who would be kept back. Half the class was making bets.

8. How was Anne getting along with her teachers? Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with her?

Answer: No doubt, Anne Frank was getting along well with all her nine teachers— seven men and two women. Mr. Keesing was an old-fashioned man who taught them math. He was annoyed with her for a long time. The reason was simple. He didn't like Anne as she talked so much in class.

9. How do you assess Anne's character? You can choose appropriate words from the following box and write a paragraph. Responsible; caring and loving; humorous; talkative; sensible; patient; mature for her age; lonely; accurate in her judgement; childish; intelligent?

Answer: Anne was a girl of thirteen years. She was very intelligent. She had a sharp brain. She was different from the other girls of her age.

She could think clearly and deeply. She had deep thoughts and ideas that she wanted to share with someone. But she found that her friends were not able to understand her completely. Their mental level is not equal to that of Anne. They could talk to Anne about the ordinary everyday matter only. She had loving parents, an elder sister, and loving aunts also. But she could not share her deep thoughts with anyone. So she decided to make her diary to her friend. She wrote down her inner thoughts and feelings in a diary. Anne had an argumentative mind. She argued in her first essay that parental trans arc inherited by children. She had a good sense of humor. Her Maths teacher. Mr Keesing tried to play a joke on her. But she wrote the essay in verse in such a way that the Joke was turned on him.

10. What does Anne say about her parents, elder sister and her stay in the Montessori School?

Answer: Anne Frank had a deep affection for her family. She described her father as very adorable and loving. Her parents got married when her father was thirty-six and her mother, Edith Hollander Frank, was twenty-five. Anne's elder sister, Margot, was born in Frankfurt in 1926, three years before Anne.

Anne lived in Frankfurt until she was four. In 1933, her father migrated to Holland, and her mother followed soon after. Meanwhile, Anne and Margot were sent to Aachen to stay with their grandmother. Margot moved to Holland in December, and Anne followed three months later.

Anne started her education at a Montessori School and studied there until she was six years old, when she moved to the first form. She loved her time at Montessori and was deeply attached to her teacher, Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. When she left the school, both she and her teacher were in tears, showing the strong bond they shared.