



Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Post-Reading Response Prompts

After reading *Anne Frank: The Diary of Young Girl*, choose five of the following prompts to respond to.

A.	Describe Anne's perception of her relationship with her parents and her relationship with her sister, Margot. How do her feelings about her mother and father differ, and what is Anne's relationship with her sister like? How do her feelings change over the course of her diary?
B.	In order to survive, the eight people hiding in the Annex rely on helpers who put themselves at great risk. Who are these six people, and what do they do for the people in hiding? Why do you think they risk their lives?
C.	Describe the relationship between the Van Daans and the Franks. How did the relationship begin and how does it progress throughout the two years that the families are in hiding together? Include details about Anne's first impression of Peter van Daan and how her feelings toward him change throughout the story.
D.	Anne and the others living in the Annex are physically cut off from the outside world. However, they are very well-informed about current events. How do the people hiding in the Annex receive their news? Include at least three ways they receive information.
E.	One recurring theme throughout Anne Frank's diary is the importance of nature. Describe Anne's perspective on nature and how she's able to experience nature in her hiding place. Why is nature likely so profoundly important to Anne?
F.	At times, Anne expresses feelings of guilt that she and her family are in hiding. Given her own unfortunate circumstances, why would she feel guilty? Do you think Anne and her family should feel guilty? Why or why not?
G.	Throughout her diary, Anne describes herself as having an outer and inner self that are very different. How does she see her inner and outer selves as being different? Does this difference resolve itself by the last entry of her diary? Explain.
H.	When Anne starts her diary, she's just turned 13 years old, and her last entry is written when she's 15 years old. How does she view her diary when she starts writing, and how does she likely view it later? What changes her thinking?
I.	How does Anne change over the course of her two years in hiding? What does she learn about herself, and what does she realize about her hopes for the future?
J.	Anne has mixed feelings about individual people and the human race in general. Describe the thoughts and feelings Anne expresses throughout her diary. Why might she have such conflicting opinions about people?