

A WWII Holocaust Unit Study

Part 1: Pages 1-40

Vocabulary Words:

absurd	detest	ingenious	reprimands
agony	devour	loathe	sabotage
albeit	emigrated	ludicrous	satchel
ardent	enthraling	melancholy	scrounging
barbarism	gaudy	monotonous	seclusion
capitulation	gawky	obstinate	stifled
cheeky	hypochondria	prude	succession
cubicle		rations	superfluous

Comprehension Questions:

1. Anne states that paper is more patient than man. What does she mean?
2. Why does Anne begin a diary?
3. What does Anne name her diary and why?
4. Why do the Franks emigrate to Holland?
5. Anne packs things to go into hiding. She makes the statement, "Memories mean more to me than dresses." Why did she say this?
6. What is Anne worried about at night?

Suggested Activities:

1. If you had to live in hiding and could not make a sound from 9am-6pm every day, except Sunday, and had no toys to entertain yourself, what would you do? Make up a daily schedule for one of your days, by listing an activity for every hour from 9-6.

Part 2: Pages 40-81

Vocabulary Words:

accusations
aloof
calamity
catty
congenial

evading
fascist
hoist
ingenuity
oblige

pious
rebuke
remnant
rendezvous

saboteurs
staid
stodgy
superficial
vile

Comprehension Questions:

1. How does Anne feel about her mother?
2. What discovery does Anne make about her father in relationship to her?
4. What does Anne secretly want to do to Mr. Dussel?
5. Anne says she hasn't mentioned their rows in a good while. What does she mean by "rows"?
6. Who are the soup eaters?
7. The members in the secret annexe tend to get on each other's nerves. Why?
8. What happens to Peter in the attic?
9. What does Anne mean by, "Misfortunes never come singly"?
10. How does Mummy feel when Anne says she doesn't want her to say prayers with her?
11. Page 79 details some of the hardships everyone is facing. List them.

Activity- Pretend it is Christmas and you are one of the people in the secret annex. What will you give as gifts? You have no money and limited supplies. Tell what you will give and why.

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Part 3: Pages 82-135

Vocabulary Words:

Perturbed
seething
torrent
trifling
irrevocable
morale
indignant

cremated
delousing
fatuous
patronage
pedantic

barrage
beseeched
capitulated
clandestine
communal
palpitations

Comprehension Questions:

1. Anne says she found that she gets on better when she is shamming. What does she mean?
4. Why does Dussel say no to Anne's request to use the table twice a week in the evenings?
7. What is one reason the Van Daan's are arguing?
8. Why does Anne sleep on the divan more now according to page 113?
10. On page 117, Anne talks about her fountain pen being cremated and says that is just what she v
What is she saying?

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Part 4: Pages 136-165

Vocabulary Words:

ample	oblige	stagnant
boisterous	pensive	stinginess
delve	prejudiced	suffice
fortnight	propaganda	tinge
impudent	sauntered	tranquility
ironically	solace	witticisms
	sufficiently	irritate

Comprehension Questions:

1. Anne says Margot has become quite sweet these days and isn't as catty. Why do you think this is so?
2. Whom does Anne think Peter belongs to and why?
3. Why do you think Anne's feelings about the Van Daan's changes?
4. Why is Anne noisy and boisterous?
5. Who have grown into one?
6. Who is Oma?
7. What do you think Peter thinks of Anne? Is he in love with her? Is she just a friend? Explain.

Suggested Activities:

1. Draw a picture of Anne and others who are hiding in the secret annex. Write a caption below each one of what they might be saying.

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Conceited	dejected	despondency
Estrangement	exquisite	impertinent
Impressionable	ingratitude	nonchalance
Presume	somber	superficial
Adroit	bemoan	embryonic
Gaiety	protested	sallies
Troupe		

Comprehension Questions:

1. What is a characteristic about Peter that attracts Anne?
2. What does Anne say she does and doesn't want from people?
3. What is gone never to return?
4. When Anne realizes Pim cannot be her confidant over everything, what does she say and why?
5. How does Anne say to deal with misery or unhappiness and how does Mummy say to deal with it?
6. What war rages inside Anne?
7. What are the little children of Holland doing now?
8. Anne says on page 197 she wants to go on living even after her death. What do you think she means by this? Has this happened? Why or why not?

Activity:

Imagine you are also being held in the secret annex. Write two diary entries as yourself. How do you feel? What condition are you in? Are you hungry? Are you frightened every moment or are you learning to deal with your fear? If so, how do you deal with your fear?

Vocabulary Words:

ardent
coax
console
despairingly
dungarees - jeans
epistle
expedient
insignificant
interlude
jocular
liberation
livid- angry

Necking - making out
perplexed- confused
prefabricated
pseudonym
scandalous
sentimental-
succulent

teetotaler
toil

upholstering
wheelde

Comprehension Questions:

1. What subjects does Anne dislike?
2. Anne says they were protected by God. How so?
3. How do the characters react to not being found by the secret police?
4. What two characteristics does Anne say she must require of herself?
5. Mr. Van Daan grows pale without his fags. What are fags?
6. What does Anne say helps her keep her head above water?
7. Why does Anne say April 15, 1944 is a date not to be forgotten?
8. Does it surprise you that Anne says she might do some Algebra? Why does she say this?

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Part 7: Pages 237-268

Vocabulary Words:

abyss
brigade
cabaret
consolation
cynical

dregs
impeccable
peevish
perturbed
pluck

repose
scudding
sober
unadulterated
utterly

Comprehension Questions:

1. Describe the heat they feel in the secret annex.
2. Who is getting too familiar with Mrs. Van Daan?
3. What is the significance of June 6, 1944?
4. How does D-day make them feel?
5. What traits of Peter disappoint Anne?
6. Does Anne feel like she knows her father on a personal basis?
7. In your opinion, how does Anne change during her time in hiding?
8. Describe how Anne and the others must have felt at being found by the secret police.

Suggested Activities:

1. Write a new ending to the book in which Anne survives. Describe post-war life? Who else, if anyone, survives? Where do they go? What do they do?

2. Make a timeline of Anne's movements during the book. Here is a site that may be helpful:

<http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/article.php?lang=en&ModuleId=10005210>

3. Explore Whitsun holiday. What does it mean? How is it celebrated? Is it still celebrated today? If so, where?

4. Anne has several sayings, especially in this section. Here are two of them:

~Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction.

~A quiet conscience makes one strong.

Come up with some sayings of your own that would apply to the situation Anne and the others live in.