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SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl*

June 14, 1942 - February 27, 1943

1. Who was Anne Frank?
2. Identify and give a brief description of:
 - Margot Frank -
 - Otto Frank -
 - Mrs. Frank -
3. The Franks' ability to prepare the "hidden house" and survive living there for two years would have been impossible were it not for a group of protectors. Identify Mr. Kraler, Mr. Koophuis, Meip, and Elli.
4. When does Anne's diary begin? Why is this day special?
5. What is meant by the saying, "Paper is more patient than man"?
6. Give a brief sketch of Anne's life prior to the beginning of the diary.
7. What were some of the restrictions placed on the Dutch Jews by the Germans?
8. What forces the Franks into hiding?
9. Where is the secret annexe located?
10. On July 13th, the Van Daan family arrives. Identify and briefly describe Mr. Van Daan, Mrs. Van Daan and Peter Van Daan.
11. What contact do the Franks and Van Daans have with the outside world?
12. In September, Peter and Anne begin their studies, usually under the direction of Mr. Frank. What do they study?
13. Because of their close confinement and constant association with each other, friction among them occurs frequently. What are some of the clashes?
14. What is the big news from the outside world in November of 1942?
15. In November another person comes to live in the secret annexe. Describe this newcomer.
16. What was Mr. Van Daan's previous occupation? How does he make use of it now?
17. What special event brightens the Christmas holidays?
18. Are conditions better as the year 1943 begins?
19. In February, Mr. Frank thinks the invasion may be soon. Is he correct?

ANSWER KEY: SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl

June 14, 1942 - February 27, 1943

1. Who was Anne Frank?

Anne Frank was a young girl, born June 12, 1929 to an upper-middle class Jewish family. Her father, Otto Frank, saw the danger to the Jews long before Hitler had his "final solution" for all Jews in place. When Anne was four years old, in 1933, the family moved to Holland where her father had business connections.

2. Identify and give a brief description of:

Margot Frank - Margot was Anne's beautiful, intelligent sister who was three years older than Anne. She is often held up as a model of what Anne should try to become.

Otto Frank - Mr. Frank is Anne's father. He is several years older than Anne's mother. He is intelligent and well-educated. Mr. Frank usually plays the role of peacemaker in the frequent bickering that take place in their confined quarters.

Mrs. Frank - "Mummy" is eleven years younger than Mr. Frank. She has been used to having servants in the house to do the work. Consequently, when the responsibility for cleaning and cooking falls mainly upon her shoulders, she is often incompetent and rather disorganized.

3. The Franks' ability to prepare the "hidden house" and survive living there for two years would have been impossible were it not for a group of protectors. Identify Mr. Kraler, Mr. Koophuis, Meip, and Elli.

Mr. Kraler - When Jews were no longer allowed to own a business, he assumed management of those which Mr. Frank and Mr. Van Daan had run. He helped them prepare the "Secret Annexe" and later provided material supplies as well as psychological support. All of this involved extreme risk to himself, even though he was not a Jew.

Mr. Koophuis - He, along with Mr. Kraler, takes over the running of the business. Like Kraler, he too is a Dutch Gentile. He is especially helpful in arranging the logistics of obtaining food.

Meip - Meip is a young woman who works in the office of the business. She too helps to secure food and is particularly good at raising the spirits of those in the annexe. Her husband's name is Henk.

Elli - Elli is another young office worker who helps with collecting food. Like Meip, she also helps keep spirits up.

4. When does Anne's diary begin? Why is this day special?

It begins on June 14, 1942, Anne's birthday.

5. What is meant by the saying, "Paper is more patient than man"?
See June 20, 1942 entry. People may weary of listening to adolescent "unbosomings," but a piece of paper just patiently receives whatever the writer wishes to write on it.
6. Give a brief sketch of Anne's life prior to the beginning of the diary.
Anne was born in Frankfort, Germany. The family migrated to Holland in 1933 when Anne's father became a partner in Kolen and Co.
7. What were some of the restrictions placed on the Dutch Jews by the Germans?
They had to wear the yellow star and to hand in their bicycles. They were banned from trains and forbidden to drive. They could only shop between three and five o'clock and then only at "Jewish" shops. They had to be indoors by eight o'clock P.M. All sports and sports facilities were forbidden. They could not visit Christians, and they had to attend Jewish schools.
8. What forces the Franks into hiding?
In early July, Margot, who was sixteen, received a "call up notice" which meant she would be deported to a concentration camp. It was unthinkable that Margot should go. The only alternative was to hide and try to survive.
9. Where is the secret annexe located?
It is in the same building where Mr. Frank's office and warehouse were located. There is a hidden entrance behind a cupboard. Part of the second floor and all of the third floor which was not bare attic, made up their living quarters. The building itself is located in downtown Amsterdam.
10. On July 13th, the Van Daan family arrives. Identify and briefly describe Mr. Van Daan, Mrs. Van Daan and Peter Van Daan.
Mr. Van Daan is a business associate of Mr. Frank.
Mrs. Van Daan is an interesting, opinionated woman. In the beginning Anne finds her very difficult to get along with. Later she finds her to be a good listener and talks to her more than she does her own mother.
Peter Van Daan is two and a half years older than Anne. His quiet personality is a great contrast to Anne's chatterbox tendencies.
11. What contact do the Franks and Van Daans have with the outside world?
In the office there is a secret radio where broadcasts from England can be heard. Although Anne and the others fear to listen, the desire to know what is going on prevails and they tune in almost every day. News from nearby is brought to them by their protectors.