

Why is Anne Frank's diary so important and what obstacles did she face while she was alive?

“ I still believe in spite of everything, that people are really good at heart.” Anne Frank was a carefree, loving child, who had a difficult time because she was Jewish. Her journal described what it was like to be Jewish at the time of the Holocaust, and how terrible people were. Also, Anne Frank came across many obstacles in her life that made it complicated to survive. Adolf Hitler was one of those obstacle in her life that changed everything.

Anne Frank's life was just like any other child's, but it became more difficult as Hitler grew more powerful. Anne Frank was a German-Jewish girl who was born in the German city of Frankfurt am Main on June 12, 1929. She lived with her older sister Margot, her father Otto, and her mother Edith. As soon as Anne could walk, she played with the other children. At the age of 13, Anne got a diary for her birthday and began writing in it just 2 days later. She recorded nearly all her experiences in her diary. However, a group called the German National Socialist Labor Party was attracting many followers. The leader of this group was Adolf Hitler. He blamed Jews for all of the problems that gripped Germany. He also imprisoned or beat anyone who went against his word. Anne frank and her family decided to move to the Netherlands when Nazis began to persecute Jews. When Hitler's army invaded the Netherlands, her family had to go into hiding. They hid in a secret annex behind an office in Amsterdam. A swinging bookshelf led to where the Frank family was hiding. The relatives were betrayed and arrested on August 4, 1944. Anne Frank later died in a concentration camp in 1945. She never would have guessed that one-day, her diary would help people realize what struggles the Jews faced during the Holocaust.

This barrier breaker's best friend was her diary that she got as a birthday present. She nicknamed it "Kitty". Miep and Gies found Anne's diary scattered all over the floor in the secret annex after the arrest. When Otto Frank read the diary, he realized how little he knew about his daughter, and decided to fulfill her wish to distribute a book. Mr. Frank published Anne's journal. Her diary is so important to people today because it tells citizens what it was like to be a Jewish child at this brutal stage in life. This defender of freedom and religion writes about how she felt being trapped in the secret annex for a couple of years. She says, "We only wanted to get away, only escape, and arrive safely, nothing else." This tells us how important it was to them to get away from the Nazis as quickly as possible. Anne writes about how she felt while she was in hiding, and how it was very hard to survive in such a small living space. People are now able to know what Anne was feeling while all this was happening, because of her diary. Also, everyone can understand how cruel people were. "Kitty" told people several obstacles that Anne Frank had to face too.

This brave child went through many obstacles while she was alive. There were bombs in her country, and Hitler made many laws against Jewish people. For example, Jews had to wear a yellow star, they had to hand in their bicycles, they were banned from trams, they were forbidden to use cars, they were only allowed to do their shopping between 3:00 and 5:00 and only in specific stores, they had to be inside from 8:00 in the afternoon to 6:00 in the morning. Also, Jewish children were banned from going to school, and in 1942 they were not allowed to take pictures. When Anne had to go into hiding, she came across many problems. She had to live in a very small space, and there was not a lot of food. But, when the Frank family was betrayed and arrested on August 4,

they faced more difficult challenges. They had to spend 4 days locked in a holding cellar, and then were sent to Westerbork camp where the men and women were separated. They lived in fear of being beaten, or starving to death. There was no medicine available, and diseases were spreading around the camp. Sadly, in March 1945, Anne Frank died at Bergen Belsen- the concentration camp she was located at. This powerless child has helped people to understand life as a Jewish person, and she never deserved to die.

As we take a final look at the remains of the old concentration camps, I reflect on how amazing the life of Anne Frank truly is. She was a happy child, but was treated unfairly because she was not the same as other people. This Jewish child's diary is a very important tool that helped people better understand the living criteria at that time. She also faced many obstacles while she was alive. Hopefully people will realize how important it is to treat people fairly, and will comprehend how much pain they can cause.

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