

The Diary of Anne Frank Study Questions

Name _____

Act I

1. Know: some of the important world events between 1929 and 1945 (see the timeline on lit. textbook page 367-368 and on your term sheet).
2. Be able to identify each character in the play and describe their personalities. Be aware of typical comments made by each character or about him/her.
 - Anne Frank:
 - Otto Frank:
 - Edith Frank:
 - Margot Frank:
 - Peter Van Daan:
 - Mrs. Van Daan:
 - Mr. Van Daan:
 - Mr. Dussel:
 - Miep Gies:
 - Mr. Kraler:
3. Define **flashback**. How do the writers use this device to bring the reader to the main action of the play? Note the change of the dates in Act I, scene 2. Note also the first and last scenes of the play occur at the same time period.
4. How were the Jews restricted in Amsterdam?
5. Why is Mr. Frank a logical choice as leader for the group in the secret annex?
6. Compare and contrast Anne's relationship with her mother to that with her father.
7. Compare and contrast the relationship between Anne and Peter at the beginning of the play and later on in the play.
8. Why did Anne find it difficult to destroy the Star of David?
9. Anne looks at going into hiding as an adventure at first. When does she realize what it really meant?
10. Identify: "There are no walls, there are no bolts, no locks that anyone can put on your mind."
(The speaker=_____, The person spoken to=_____, and the quote means:_____)