

Anne's Need to Write a Diary

Anne Frank, a thirteen year old girl, was gifted a diary by her father. She found writing to be a strange experience. She had never written a diary before. In her first entry, she expressed her desire to confide everything to the diary. She felt that paper had more patience than people. She thought that would be interested in reading her diary.

Anne considered the diary to be a real friend with whom she could share all her secrets. She did not have any such friend. Even though Anne had a loving family and a number of friends but she could only talk to them about ordinary things. Therefore, Anne felt the need to write a diary and she began writing from June 1942. She made it her best friend and called her 'Kitty'.

Anne's Childhood and Family

Anne felt that a brief sketch of her family and life so far was necessary. She believed that it would help others to understand what she was going to write in her diary. Anne called her father, Otto Frank the most adorable father. He was 36 years old when he married her mother Edith Hollander Frank who was 25 years old.

She further told that her elder sister, Margot was born in 1926 and she herself was born on 12 June, 1929. Her parents emigrated to Holland in 1933. At that time Anne and her sister lived with their grandmother in Aachen. After their parents settled down in Holland, Anne and her sister went to them.

Anne's Schooling

Anne studied at the Montessori nursery school till she was six years old. At her farewell, she and her headmistress Mrs Kuperus had tears in their eyes. Mrs Kuperus gave her a heart breaking farewell.

Anne's Grandmother's Death

Anne had great love for her grandmother. When the grandmother fell ill in the summer of 1941 and had an operation, Anne was very sad. Her grandmother died in January 1942. So Anne lit a candle in her memory on her own birthday in June.

Anne's School Result and her views about Teachers

After explaining about her life, Anne started her diary entry for 20th June, 1942. She started by writing about her day in the school when the teachers were going to tell the result.

All the students are afraid and they did not know who would enter the next class. Anne knew that she and her friends would go to the next class. She was only worried about Maths. She always considered teachers to be the most unpredictable creatures on the earth. So she told her friends not to lose hope.

Anne's Talkative Nature and Punishment by Mr Keesing

Anne was a good student and had a good relationship with all the teachers except Mr Keesing, who taught her Maths. He was always annoyed by her talkative nature.

He used to give her extra homework as punishment. SM network punished her by giving her extra homework. He asked her to write an essay on the topic 'A Chatterbox'.

Completion of Extra Homework

After completing her normal homework, Anne started thinking about the essay 'A Chatterbox'.

Anne was unable to understand what she could write in the essay. She started writing to consider it the necessity. She wrote the three pages for her

satisfaction. She defined it as a feature of a student and also mentioned that she inherited this trait from her mother who was also very talkative.

More Punishments for Anne

Mr Keesing read the essay in the class and laughed on it. In another lesson when she talked, she was punished again. He gave her another essay as a punishment on the topic 'An Incurable Chatterbox' Mr Keesing did not complain for two lessons after she submitted the essay. However, during the third lesson he caught Anne talking again.

So he punished her again asked to write an essay on 'Quack, Quack, Quack, Said Mistress Chatterbox'. This made the class laugh. Anne realised that Mr Keesing was making fun of her.