

Anne Frank Act 1 Study Guide

Know the definitions of the following words:

aggravating	conspicuous	jubilation	Anti-Semitism	loathe
drama	scene	dialogue	Stage directions	Holocaust

1. Historical Background- Name 2 restrictions against Jews that Anne mentions in her diary.

Could not go to school, or the movies

had to wear the star of david, no bike and riding in an automobile

2. Mr. Dussel brings news from the outside. What are 2 things that he shares?

hundreds of Jews are disappearing, kids come home from school to find their parents

gone, hundreds are being deported

3. Name 2 things that they could not do during the daytime:

use the sink or bathroom, wear shoes, couldn't talk loud

4. Why is Mr. Frank a logical choice as leader for the group in the secret annex?

Because he always remains calm and knows what to do.

5. Compare and contrast Anne's relationship with her mother to that with her father.

Anne takes comfort in her father more than her mother. She feels that her mother is always not taking her serious.

6. Why did Anne find it difficult to destroy the Star of David?

She still thinks that it is still important to her religion

7. Compare Anne and Margot. Do their differences ever cause problems?

Margot is shy, quiet and respectful.

Anne is talkative and always has to make comments about the things that are happening.

Yes, their differences cause problems because everyone tells Anne to be like Margot.

8. The spilling of the milk is a climactic crisis in Act I, scene 3. Explain.

Because Mrs. Van daan overreacts and her words are unnecessarily harsh. People's true colors are starting to show.

9. Why is Dussel's surprise at seeing the Franks in Amsterdam good news for those living in the annex?

Because everyone thinks that the Franks have moved to Zurich Switzerland due the note that they had left in their home.

10. What conflicts arise between Anne and Mr. Dussel? Why?

Anne is having nightmares at night and she does not let Mr. Dussel sleep from the tossing and turning and screaming.

11. As Act I, scene 4 opens, what is Mr. Van Daan doing?

Stealing food

12. What does Anne's nightmare in scene 4 tell the audience about her?

That she is living in fear that the Nazi's will find them.

13. How does Anne make Hanukkah special for the group?

She makes presents for everyone

14. What happens during the Hanukkah celebration that causes fear among the group?

A thief broke in the business downstairs, then Peter falls and causes a crash which was heard below. They are living in fear now that someone knows there are people hiding in the business.

15. What does Anne's gift giving reveal about her? How do her gifts to her mother and Peter show that she has changed?

They reveal that she is optimistic and truly is considerate and compassionate towards all the people living in the annex. It shows that she is nicer towards her mom and Peter. They are more friendly and not always bickering.