

Scene Summaries for *The Diary of Anne Frank*

Act I Scene 1

Date read in class: January 27, 2014
Character(s): Mr. Frank and Miep
Setting(s): The Secret Annex above Mr. Frank's business in Amsterdam, Holland.
Conflict: Man vs. Self (Inner) = struggling with emotions and memories
Event 1: Miep was concerned for Mr. Frank.
Event 2: He told her he'd not stay long.
Event 3: Miep handed him some papers.
Event 4: He said, "Burn them."
Climax: He realized the papers were Anne's diary.
Resolution: He began to read Anne's diary.

Act I Scene 2

Date read in class: January 29, 2014
Character(s): Miep, Mr. Kraler, The Frank Family, The Van Daan Family
Setting(s): The Secret Annex above the office (hiding spot)
Conflict: Man vs. Society (External) = War and Nazis vs. Jews
Event 1: Franks arrive at the annex and meet the Van Daans
Event 2: Rules were established for when the workers are downstairs
Event 3: Anne and Peter play with his cat and talk
Event 4: Mr. Frank gives Anne her diary
Climax: Anne is stopped from going downstairs to get a pencil
Resolution: Mr. Frank reassures Anne; he gives her a fountain pen.

Act I Scene 3

Date read in class: January 29, 2014
Character(s): Miep, Mr. Kraler, the Frank family, the Van Daans
Setting(s): The Secret Annex
Conflict: Anne vs. Van Daans (external) and Van Daans vs. A New person coming to the annex (external)
Event 1: It's two months later
Event 2: Anne and Peter tease each other
Event 3: Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan bicker and argue
Event 4: Mr. Kraler brings Mrs. Dussel to the annex
Climax: Argument over Mr. Dussel staying

Resolution: Mr. Frank pacifies everyone; toasts Mr. Dussel's arrival. New sleeping arrangements are made. There is peace again.

Act I Scene 4

Date read in class: Thursday, February 6, 2014

Character(s): The Frank Family, Mr. Dussel, Mr. Van Daan and Peter

Setting(s): Several months later, middle of the night in the annex

Conflict: Man vs. Self (Anne's internal fear), Man vs. Man (external over the nightmare and the noise)

Event 1: Anne wakes others with her nightmare screams

Event 2: Her parents reassure and soothe her

Event 3: Anne asks for her father and hurts her mother's feelings

Event 4: Anne falls back asleep

Climax: Anne confesses there's a good Anne and a bad Anne and struggles with who she has become. We understand her more now.

Resolution: Anne falls back asleep. Things continue as they were. We hear Anne reading from her diary sharing news and her thoughts.

Act I Scene 5

Date read in class: Friday, February 2, 2014

Character(s): Everyone who lives in the Secret Annex

Setting(s): The main room of the annex

Conflict: Peter vs. Mr. Dussel (external), Thief vs. Occupants (internal/fear)

Event 1: They celebrate Hanukkah

Event 2: Anne surprises everyone with gifts

Event 3: They hear someone downstairs

Event 4: Anne faints

Climax: Peter falls off the chair making a loud noise that the thief would have heard, possibly endangering their hiding.

Resolution: They sing and celebrate Hanukkah. They forget about their captivity for a little while and are reassured by Mr. Frank.

Act II Scene 1

Date read in class: Friday, February 7, 2014

Character(s): Everyone in the annex and Miep and Mr. Kraler

Setting(s): The annex on New Year's Day, January 1, 1944, late afternoon

Conflict: Peter vs. Mr. Dussel (external over the cat), Mr. Van Daan vs. Mrs. Van Daan (external over selling the fur coat)

Event 1: Margot is sick and resting, Anne is reading her diary.

Event 2: Miep and Mr. Kraler come; Miep baked a cake for them.
Event 3: Mr. Dussel teases Peter over Mouschi, the cat
Event 4: Van Daans argue and Mr. Kraler says he is sick.
Climax: Mr. Kraler tells them about the storeroom worker trying to blackmail them.
Resolution: Anne tells us in her diary that the people with the ration books were arrested and they are very hungry, the invasion is continuing, Mr. Kraler has ulcers, and the warehouse man might want more money. She lists the things she misses.

Act II Scene 2

Date read in class: Monday, February 10, 2014
Character(s): Anne, Margot, Mrs. Frank, Peter, and Mrs. Van Daan
Setting(s): Evening in the annex, throughout the annex
Conflict: Anne vs. Mr. Dussel (external), Anne vs. Mrs. Frank (internal and external), Anne vs. Mrs. Van Daan (internal and external), Man vs. Man (Ann's and Peter's internal conflicts of having feelings for each other)
Event 1: Anne and Mr. Dussel are frustrated sharing a room
Event 2: Mrs. Frank tells Anne to not shut the door on Mr. Dussel
Event 3: Anne and Margot talk about their feelings and people in the annex
Event 4: Anne visits Peter in his room and they talk intimately
Climax: Peter kisses Anne
Resolution: Anne speaks from her diary saying she doesn't think she's in love, but it is nice to have someone. She gives updates on the "rat" eating their food, the missing cat Mouschi, the invasion, etc.

Act II Scene 3

Date read in class: Tuesday, February 10, 2014
Character(s): Everyone who lives in the annex and later Miep
Setting(s): A few weeks later, in the main room of the annex in the middle of the night
Conflict: Man vs. Man (external) Mr. Van Daan vs. Mrs. Frank
Event 1: Mr. Van Daan lights a match and goes to the food safe taking out a loaf of bread
Event 2: Mrs. Frank sees Mr. Van Daan stealing.
Event 3: There is an argument when Mr. Van Daan is confronted.
Event 4: Mrs. Frank wants him to leave the annex
Climax: Miep rings the buzzer and visits them at night unexpectedly
Resolution: Miep tells them of the invasion, D-Day, and there is some shame among them because of how they have behaved. Anne closes with telling us

that the invasion is slowing down, Mr. Kraler is ill, Mr. Dussel still thinks the thief will tell, and everyone is low.

Act II Scene 4

Date read in class: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Character(s): Everyone living in the Secret Annex
Setting(s): Secret Annex
Conflict: Man vs. Self (internal) and Man vs. Man (external) over whether to answer the ringing telephone and buzzer
Event 1: Telephone is ringing and ringing
Event 2: No workers have come in on a workday
Event 3: They argue over what to do about the phone ringing
Event 4: Anne and Peter share their thoughts and feelings
Climax: Two car screech to a stop in front of the annex and they wait. The buzzer starts.
Resolution: Anne writes good-bye in her diary and asks it be kept safe. She closes with, "... I hope."

Act II Scene 5

Date read in class: Tuesday, February 11, 2014
Character(s): Miep, Mr. Kraler, and Mr. Frank
Setting(s): Three years following their capture in the annex. It's 1945.
Conflict: Man vs. Self (internal) struggling with emotions and memories
Event 1: Mr. Frank comes back to the annex and talks with Miep and Mr. Kraler about all that had happened.
Event 2: Miep and Mr. Kraler tell what happened on the day the Nazis/police came to the annex.
Event 3: Mr. Frank retells what had happened to them after that
Climax: He tells them, (and us), "... Anne...I know now." Anne is dead.
Resolution: Mr. Frank reads the diary, quotes Anne, we hear Anne telling us that, "people are really good at heart." Mr. Frank is touched by this, and so are we the readers. Anne's Diary lives on and carries her story to people. The diary was a "hiding place" for Anne while she hid. The diary is a symbol of the annex and Anne is a symbol of good lives lost for nothing.