***The Diary of Anne Frank* Study Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_KEY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Act I**

1. **Know:** some of the important world events between 1929 and 1945 (There is a war going on)
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: Main character: She is a brave, intelligent, talkative, and caring girl.
* Otto Frank: **He is wise, caring, helpful, and calm.**
* Edith Frank: She is protective, very sweet and quiet but if you get on her nerves she can get emotional.
* Margot Frank: She is shy and quiet. She’s the “standard child”.
* Peter Van Daan: He is shy, innocent, and a bit emotional
* Mrs. Van Daan: She is vain and humiliating
* Mr. Van Daan: He often bickers with his wife and is controlled by her, he is also selfish
* Mr. Dussel:The Jewish dentist that they hide; He is a fussy and very demanding man
* Miep Gies: She is protective, compassionate, helpful, and loyal
* Mr. Kraler: **He is helpful, kind, and loyal**

1. 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.

A flashback is a literary device where the author depicts events that have taken place before the present time. Flashback begins after war, Mr. Frank goes back to annex and finds the diary. The story flashes back, Mr. Frank relives Anne’s memory and time in annex.

1. How were the Jews restricted in Amsterdam?

Banned from public facilities and they had to wear the yellow Star of David. They also had to go into hiding for their own safety.

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

-Characteristics: wise, kind, compassionate, and understanding

-Anne always confides in Mr. Frank for the conflicts with her Mother.

-He always tries to find solutions to problems

1. Compare and contrast Anne’s relationship with her mother to that with her father.

Anne takes advice from Mr. Frank about writing/her future. She says her dad is the only one “she truly loves.” She fights with her mother more.

1. Compare and contrast the relationship between Anne and Peter at the beginning of the play and later on in the play.

-Peter and Anne teased each other; he called her Mrs. Quack Quack because she talked too much. Towards the end of the play they started to listen/talk to each other.

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

It was a part of her religion and identity.

1. In the early scenes of the play, how does Anne manage to get on others’ nerves? (Mention at least 2)

-Talks back to Mr. and Mrs. VanDaan

-Fights with Mr. Dussel about the room

-Annoyed by her parents always comparing her to Margot

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

Margot is well mannered, polite, and quiet. Anne is very outspoken; she is often compared to Margot, which sometimes builds a sibling rivalry.

1. Explain: Mrs. Quack Quack

It is Peter’s nickname for Anne because she talks too much.

1. What are some of the causes of disagreement between Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan?

(The fur coat incident, Mr. Van Daan being selfish, and him smoking)

1. What is Mr. Van Daan’s first response to the news of Mr. Dussel?

Worried he will take all the food. He was being selfish.

1. Do you think everyone in the annex should have had a part in the decision to take in Mr. Dussel? Explain your answer.

Opinion based answer.

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

Before they left, they left clues of traveling to Switzerland.

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

-Anne disturbs him with her nightmares

-Dussel is not used to being with people/sharing space.

1. Discuss the **irony** of Mr. Dussel’s comments about getting along well with children.

It’s ironic because he has conflict with Anne several times throughout the play.

1. What does Anne’s nightmare in scene 4 tell the audience about her?

Shows she is still a child with fears.

1. How does Anne describe the problem between her and her mother?

She claims that her mother does not listen to her.

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

She sings a song and makes everyone a thoughtful gift.

1. Explain the **irony** of Mr. Van Daan’s complaint about Mouschi’s eating up all of the food.

It is ironic because we learn later that Mr. Van Daan is the one stealing the food.

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

A thief enters the building, and Mr. Van Daan fears that the thief heard them upstairs.