

Extraordinary Lives Anne Frank Answers

1. What was Anne Frank's full name?

Annalies Marie Frank

2. Why did the Franks leave Germany when Anne was four? Where did they go?

The family left to flee the Nazis, who had come to power in Germany. They went to live in nearby Holland (the Netherlands).

3. List two persecutions faced by the Franks and other Jews living under the Nazi regime.

Students may choose a number of things – the segregated schooling, the loss of citizenship, the lack of freedom of movement, the inability to go to certain parks etc. They may know other things such as the wearing of yellow stars to show that they are Jews etc.

4. List three difficulties Anne and her family encountered while living in the secret annexe.

Students might infer the cramped conditions of the place. They might also mention the lack of ability to go outside, the reliance on others for food, news, etc. They might mention boredom, as inferred from the hours of keeping quiet. Mentions of making little sound, only going downstairs in the evening or on weekends, the bathing in the kitchen, etc. will also work.

5. List two things you've learned about Anne's diary from the article.

Students might mention the colour of the book (red and white check), the fact it had a lock, that it was actually an autograph book given to Anne on her birthday. They might also look to the contents – the article mentions her discussing her feelings about her mother, sister, father and Peter in it. The diary also deals with issues of living under the Nazi regime and tells of the news they hear from outside.

6. How long had the Franks been in hiding when they were discovered?

Just over two years (July 1942 – August 1944).

7. What happened to Peter van Pels after the group's arrest?

Peter died from exhaustion at Mauthausen Concentration Camp on the day of the liberation of the Netherlands, May 1945.

8. Why did Otto Frank decide to publish Anne's diary?

She had expressed a desire to write something called 'The Secret Annexe' and have it published after the war. Otto Frank was doing the best to fulfil his daughter's wishes.